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THE FIRST BOLT TO STRIKE
A MEMBER'S WAND WILL FLASH
THROUGH THAT **LEGIONNAIRE'S**
BODY AND REVIVE **LIGHTNING**
LAD! BUT I WARN YOU...
WHICHEVER ONE OF US ATTRACTS
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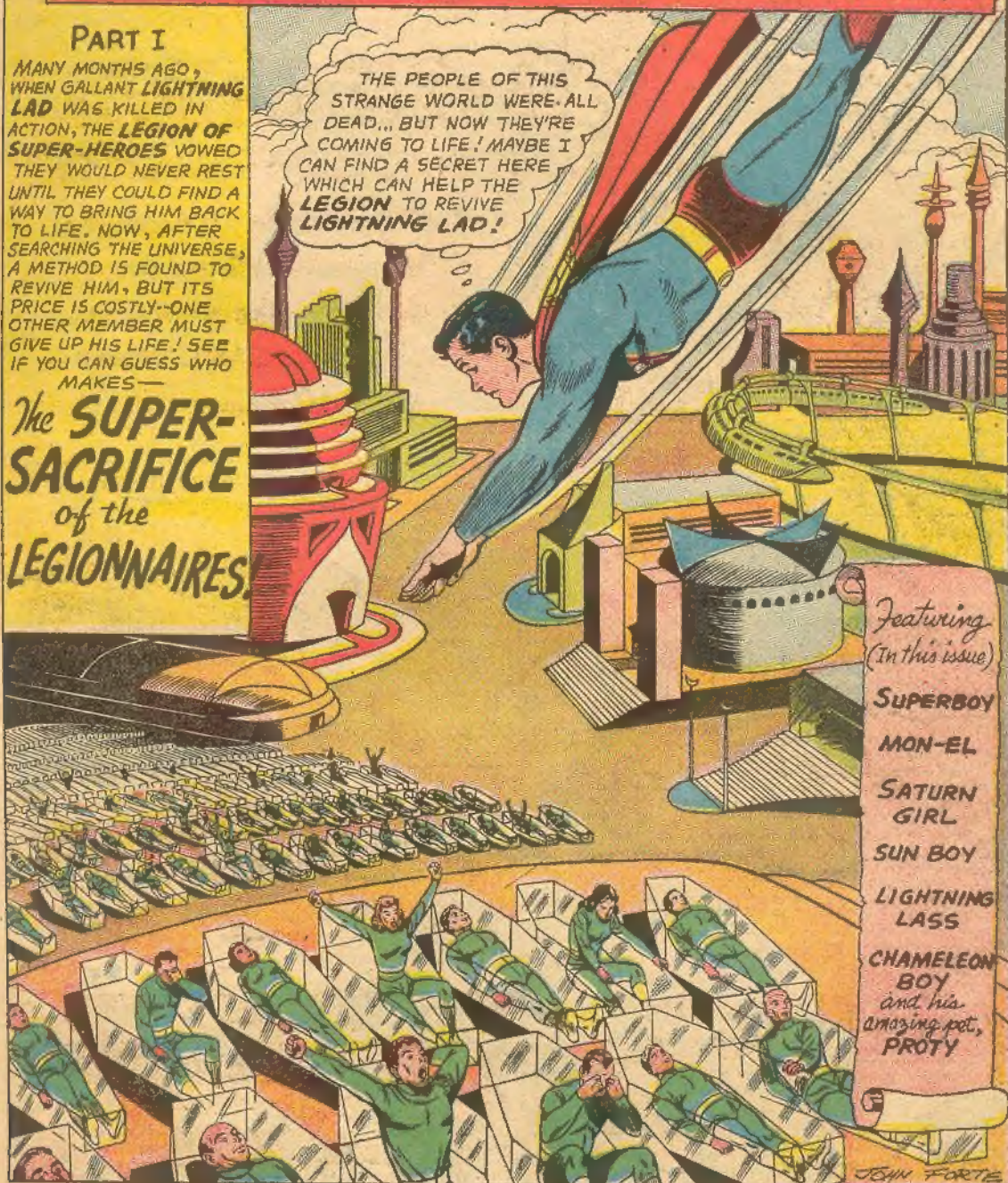
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

PART I

MANY MONTHS AGO, WHEN GALLANT **LIGHTNING LAD** WAS KILLED IN ACTION, THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** VOWED THEY WOULD NEVER REST UNTIL THEY COULD FIND A WAY TO BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE. NOW, AFTER SEARCHING THE UNIVERSE, A METHOD IS FOUND TO REVIVE HIM, BUT ITS PRICE IS COSTLY—ONE OTHER MEMBER MUST GIVE UP HIS LIFE! SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHO MAKES—

The **SUPER-SACRIFICE** of the **LEGIONNAIRES**

THE PEOPLE OF THIS STRANGE WORLD WERE ALL DEAD... BUT NOW THEY'RE COMING TO LIFE! MAYBE I CAN FIND A SECRET HERE WHICH CAN HELP THE **LEGION** TO REVIVE **LIGHTNING LAD**!



Featuring
(In this issue)

SUPERBOY

MON-EL

SATURN GIRL

SUN BOY

LIGHTNING LASS

CHAMELEON BOY

and his
amazing pet,
PROTY

JOHN FORTÉ

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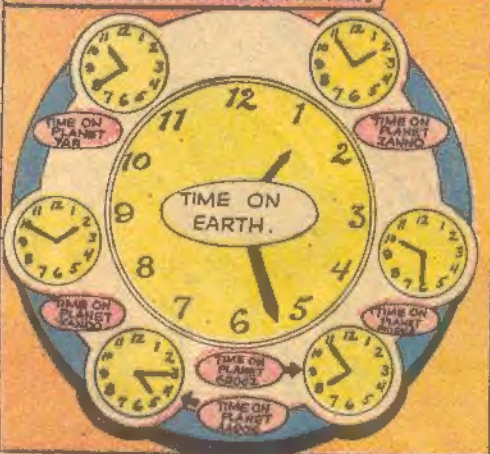
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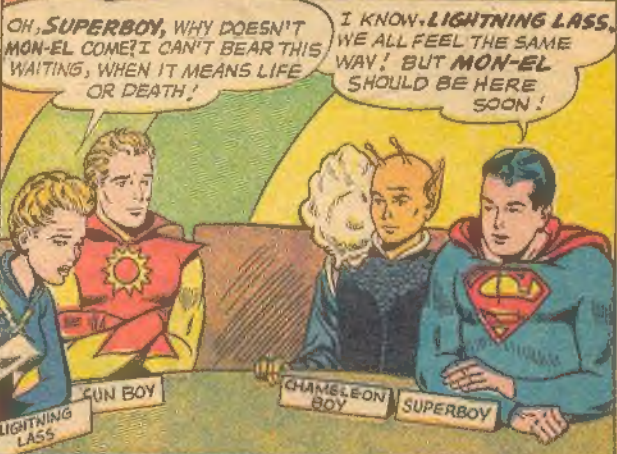
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ON A WALL IN THE **CLUBHOUSE OF SUPER-HEROES**. IN THE 30TH CENTURY, TICKS THE STRANGEST CLOCK IN THE UNIVERSE!



AND WITH EACH TICK OF THE CLOCK, THE SUPER-HEROES WHO ARE NOT AWAY ON ACTIVE SERVICE GROW MORE TENSE.



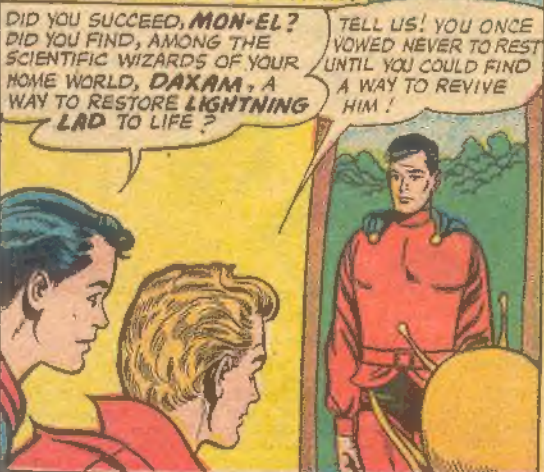
A MOMENT AFTER SUPERBOY SPEAKS MON-EL'S NAME... WHY, THERE'S MON-EL NOW... RIGHT BESIDE CHAMELEON BOY!



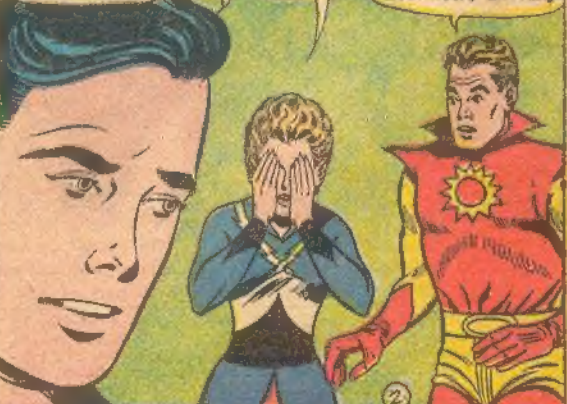
QUIT IT AND CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL, PROTY... THAT'S AN ORDER!



AND WHEN MON-EL ARRIVES, THE TENSE LEGIONNAIRES ASK A FATEFUL QUESTION!

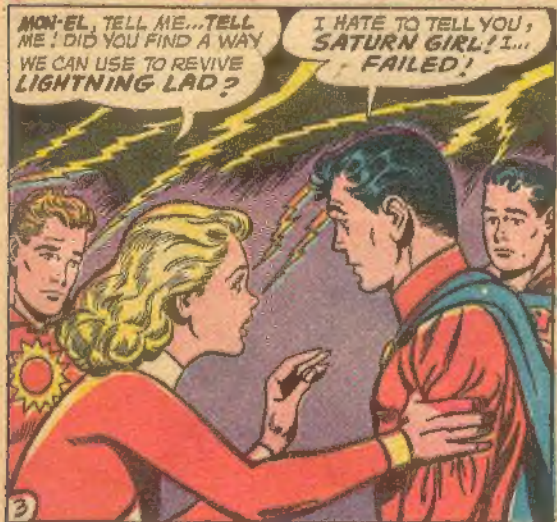
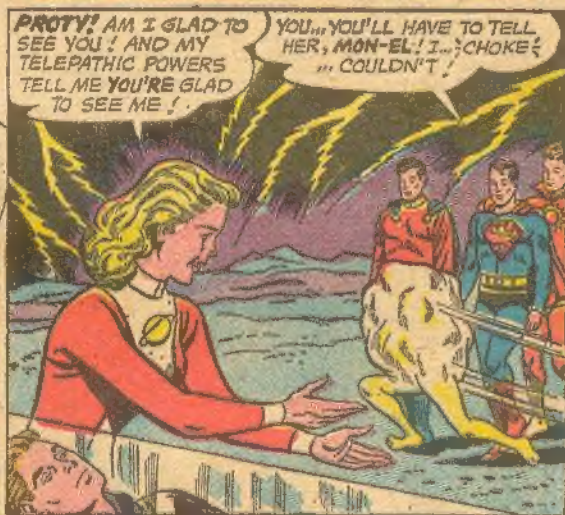


I'M SORRY TO REPORT THIS... BUT I FOUND NO WAY WE CAN USE TO BRING LIGHTNING LAD BACK TO LIFE!





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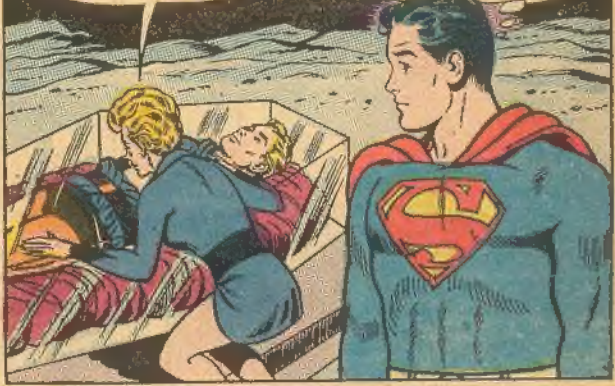
I'M TRYING TO READ HIS MIND TELEPATHICALLY, BUT I CAN'T... HE'S GUARDING HIS THOUGHTS! WHY SHOULD MON-EL, ONE OF OUR LOYALEST MEMBERS, CONCEAL FROM US WHAT HE'S FOUND OUT?



MEANWHILE, **LIGHTNING LASS**, HER LAST HOPE SHATTERED, GIVES WAY TO DESPAIR!

MY BROTHER... **LIGHTNING LAD**... HE'LL NEVER LIVE AGAIN!

I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF HER TERRIBLE GRIEF! I MUST THINK OF SOMETHING!



AND THE **BOY OF STEEL**, ONE OF THE MIGHTIEST **SUPER-HEROES**, IS INSPIRED TO A TREMENDOUS RESOLVE!

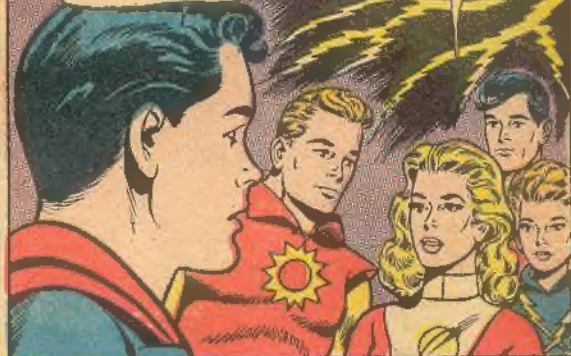
WE'VE OFTEN ACCOMPLISHED FEATS THAT WERE CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE WHEN OTHERS ASKED US! NOW WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR OUR OWN LOST COMRADE... WE'LL FIND A WAY TO REVIVE **LIGHTNING LAD**!

BUT... HOW CAN WE?



SOME OF US HAVE ALWAYS HAD A THEORY THAT THE FREEZING-RAY DIDN'T QUITE KILL **LIGHTNING LAD**... THAT THERE REMAINS A SPARK OF LIFE IN HIM! SOMEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE MUST BE A WAY TO KINDLE THAT SPARK TO LIFE!

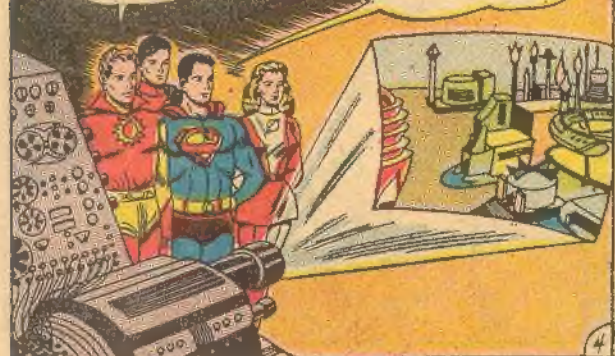
SUPERBOY'S RIGHT... WE'LL SEARCH THE WHOLE UNIVERSE, IF NECESSARY, TO FIND THE WAY!



IN THE UNIQUE REFERENCE LIBRARY IN THEIR CLUBHOUSE, THE **SUPER-HEROES** BEGIN A COSMIC CRASH-PROGRAM!

THE "MECHANICAL-LIBRARIAN" COMPUTER IS SELECTING OUT OF OUR STORED REFERENCES ALL THOSE DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT, "REVIVAL OF LIFE".

THAT WORLD OF THE BLUE SUN IT PICKED OUT IS IN GALACTIC SECTOR **AB-213**... I'LL SEARCH IT FOR A CLUE!



AFTER SCANNING ALL RECORDED POSSIBILITIES...

I'LL INVESTIGATE THAT STRANGE CREATURE OF FAR SPACE THAT DIES AND THEN COMES TO LIFE AGAIN! YOU OTHERS GO AND LOOK INTO THE TECHNIQUE OF REVIVAL SHOWN IN USE ON THE WORLD, **SKOR**!

I'LL GO WITH YOU, **MON-EL**... YOU'LL NEED MY TELEPATHIC ABILITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THAT CREATURE!

I'M GOING TO STAY WITH **MON-EL** UNTIL I LEARN WHAT HE'S CONCEALING FROM US!

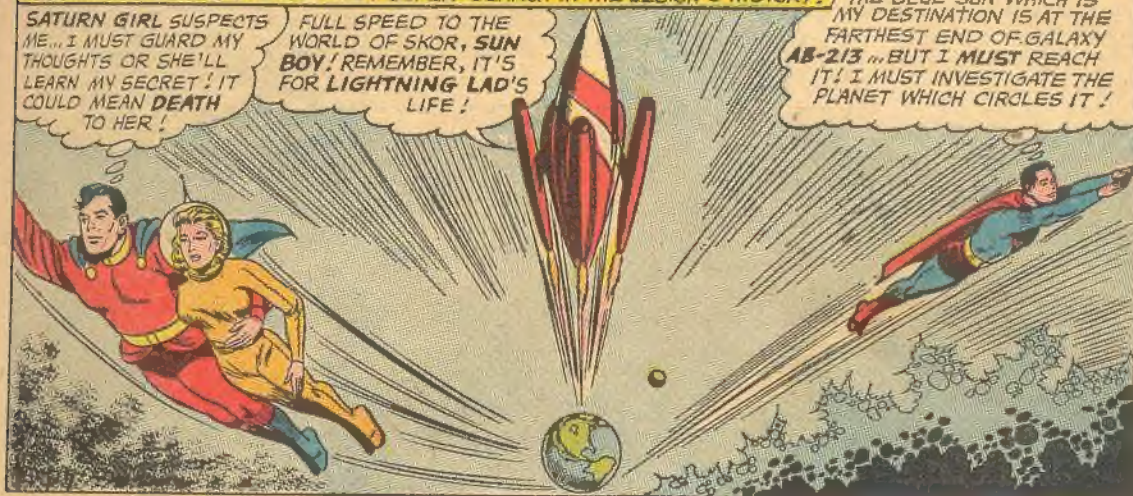


SOON, THERE BEGINS THE GREATEST SUPER-SEARCH IN THE LEGION'S HISTORY!

SATURN GIRL SUSPECTS ME... I MUST GUARD MY THOUGHTS OR SHE'LL LEARN MY SECRET! IT COULD MEAN DEATH TO HER!

FULL SPEED TO THE WORLD OF SKOR, SUN BOY! REMEMBER, IT'S FOR LIGHTNING LAD'S LIFE!

THE BLUE SUN WHICH IS MY DESTINATION IS AT THE FARTHEST END OF GALAXY AB-213... BUT I MUST REACH IT! I MUST INVESTIGATE THE PLANET WHICH CIRCLES IT!

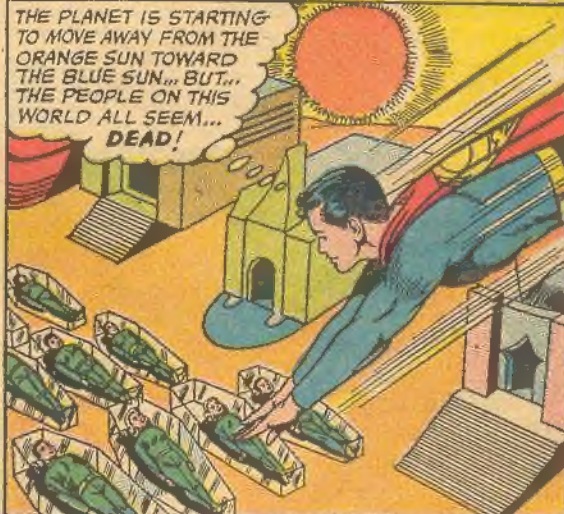


AT AWESOME SPEED, SUPERBOY HURTTLES THROUGH THE COSMOS UNTIL HE REACHES HIS GOAL...

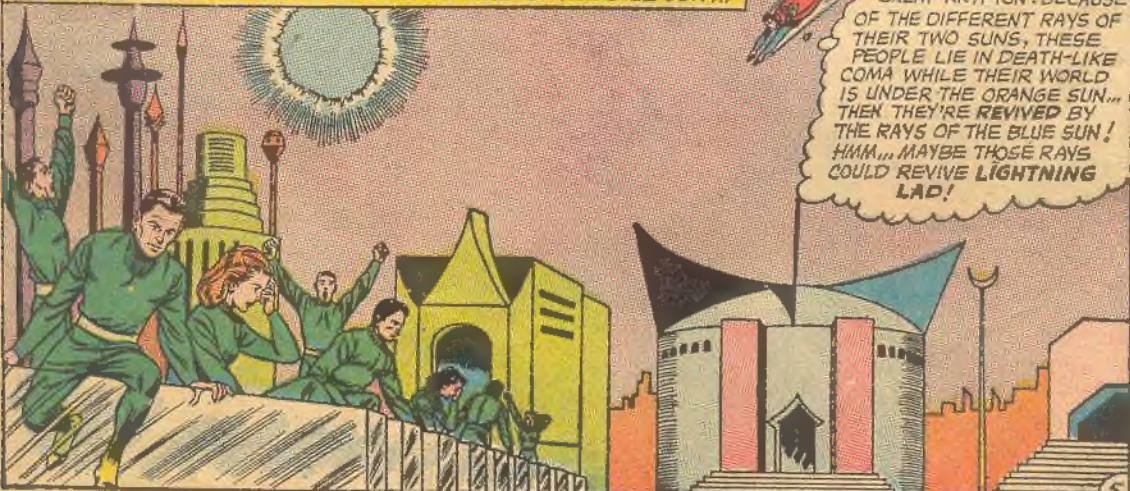
HMM... THE BLUE SUN IS HALF OF A DOUBLE STAR... AND THE PLANET OUR RECORDS REFERRED TO MOVES IN AN ORBIT AROUND BOTH IT AND THE ORANGE SUN! I THINK I SEE A CITY ON THAT WORLD!



THE PLANET IS STARTING TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE ORANGE SUN TOWARD THE BLUE SUN... BUT... THE PEOPLE ON THIS WORLD ALL SEEM... DEAD!



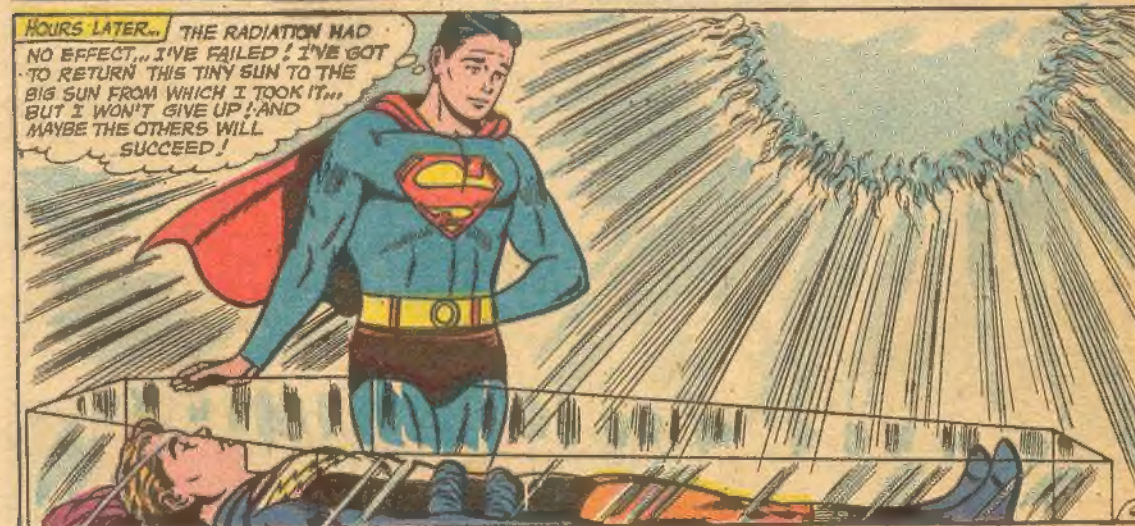
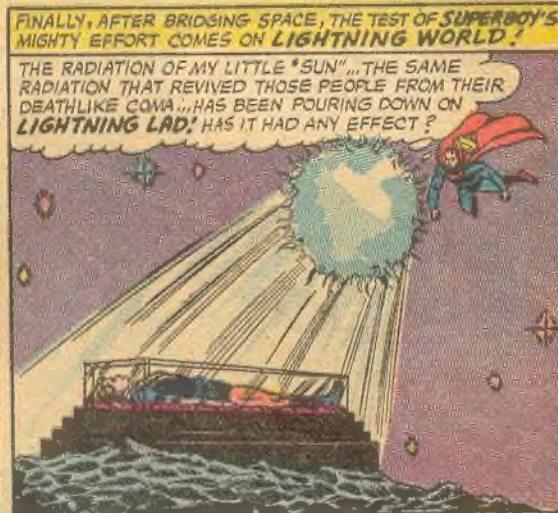
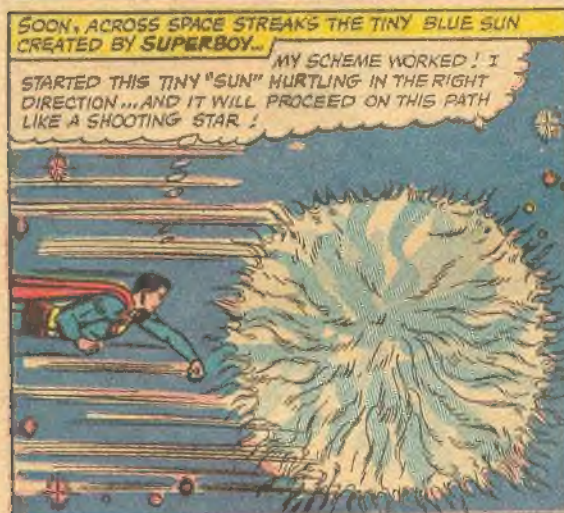
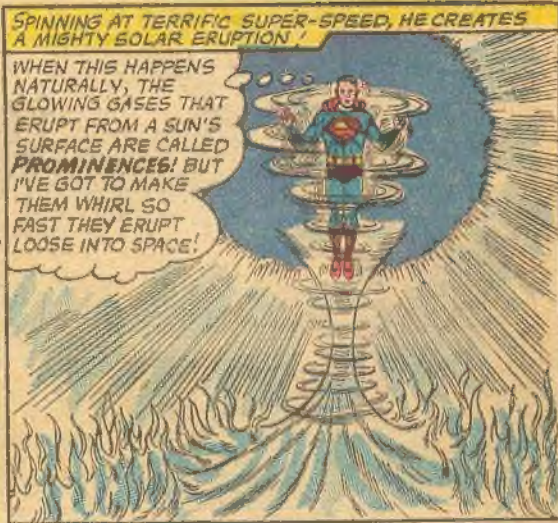
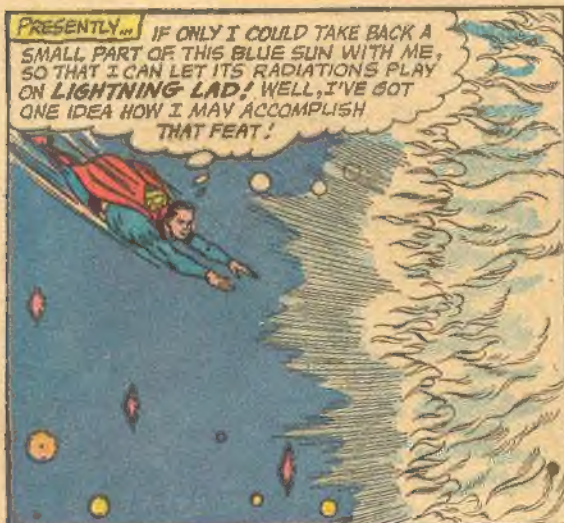
THEN, AS THE STRANGE PLANET ENTERS THE RAYS OF THE BLUE SUN...



GREAT KRYPTON! BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT RAYS OF THEIR TWO SUNS, THESE PEOPLE LIE IN DEATH-LIKE COMA WHILE THEIR WORLD IS UNDER THE ORANGE SUN... THEN THEY'RE REVIVED BY THE RAYS OF THE BLUE SUN! HMM... MAYBE THOSE RAYS COULD REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD!



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HOW HAVE THE OTHERS FARED IN THE COSMIC SEARCH? AS **MON-EL** AND **SATURN GIRL** SPEED TOWARD A DISTANT WORLD...

THE PLANET AHEAD IS THE HOME OF THE **TAROC** CREATURE! ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, THIS CREATURE DIES AND THEN, FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON, COMES TO LIFE AGAIN!

I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY **MON-EL** WOULD CONCEAL THE SECRET OF REVIVING **LIGHTNING LAD**! WONDER... IS HE JEALOUS OF **LIGHTNING LAD'S** FAME?



AND AS THEY ZOOM DOWN TO THE PLANET WHERE THE DREADED CREATURES DWELL...

THERE ARE THE **TAROC** CREATURES! NOW TO FIND OUT HOW THEY CAN DIE AND LIVE AGAIN... BUT THEY'RE FEROCIOUS, AND WE MUST BE CAREFUL!



THERE COMES ONE OF THE **TAROC**S TO ATTACK US!

YOU STAY HERE, **SATURN GIRL**! I'M INVULNERABLE, AND IT CAN'T HURT ME!



THERE, MR. BEASTIE! THIS LIGHT TAP SHOULD TEACH YOU NOT TO MOLEST HUMANS! NOW I'LL PICK UP **SATURN GIRL**, AND WE'LL SEARCH TILL WE FIND A DYING **TAROC**... THEN WE CAN SEE HOW IT REVIVES AND LIVES AGAIN!



A LONG SEARCH IS FINALLY REWARDED!

THAT OLD ONE FELL TO THE GROUND, AND SEEMED TO DIE A NATURAL DEATH, OF OLD AGE!

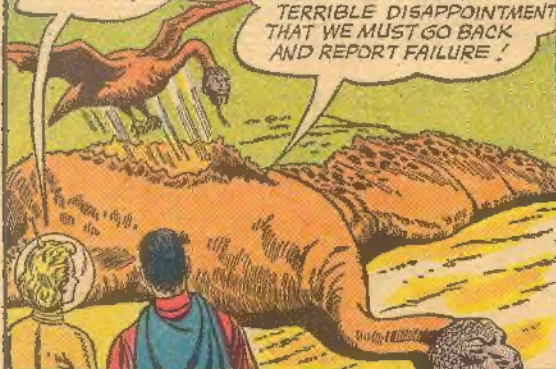
BUT ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, IT WILL LIVE AGAIN! WE'LL WATCH!



PRESENTLY, A WEIRD TRANSFORMATION OCCURS!

LOOK! A NEW YOUNG **TAROC** IS BORN OF THE BODY OF THE ONE THAT DIED... LIKE THE **PHOENIX** OF OLD EARTH LEGENDS!

BUT THE DEAD **TAROC** REMAINS DEAD... SO THIS STILL GIVES US NO CLUE AS TO HOW WE CAN REVIVE **LIGHTNING LAD**! IT'S A TERRIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT WE MUST GO BACK AND REPORT FAILURE!



BUT LET'S HOPE THAT MAYBE **SUPERBOY** OR THE OTHER **LEGIONNAIRES** HAVE SUCCEEDED WHERE WE FAILED!

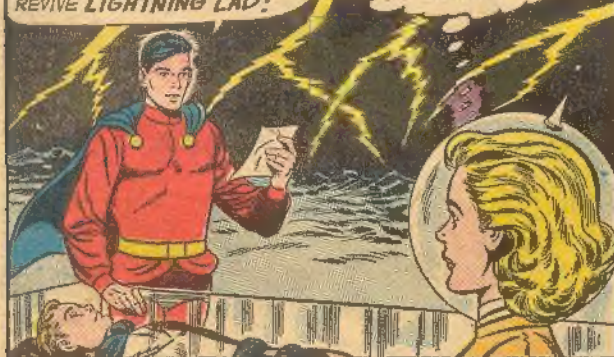
HMM... **MON-EL** IS MAKING A DETOUR IN SPACE SO THAT WE'LL PASS HIS HOME WORLD OF **DAXAM**! WHAT DID HE DISCOVER THERE THAT HE'S SO ANXIOUS TO KEEP HIDDEN?



ARRIVING ON **LIGHTNING WORLD**, THEY FIND THAT **SUPERBOY** HAS LEFT A MESSAGE!

SUPERBOY FAILED, TOO, BUT IS GOING TO KEEP TRYING! AND WE MUST KEEP TRYING... THERE HASTO BE **SOME** WAY TO REVIVE **LIGHTNING LAD**!

FOR A MOMENT, IN HIS AGITATION, **MON-EL** SLIPPED AND FORGOT TO CONCEAL HIS THOUGHTS! I GOT HIS THOUGHT...



AND I READ IN HIS THOUGHTS THAT HE COULD REVIVE **LIGHTNING LAD** RIGHT NOW, BUT DOESN'T WANT TO! HOW CAN WE EVER SUCCEED IF **MON-EL**, OUR OWN COMRADE, IS WORKING AGAINST US?



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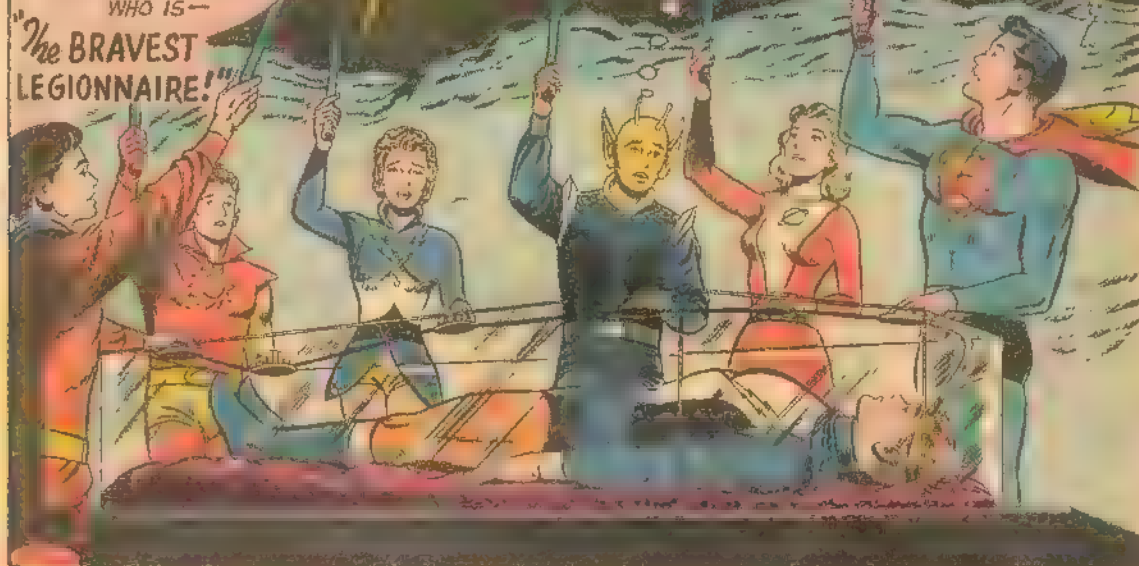
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ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE UNIVERSE, THE DETERMINED LEGIONNAIRES HAVE SEARCHED FOR A WAY TO REVIVE **LIGHTNING LAD**! BUT WHEN AT LAST A WAY IS FOUND, IT FACES THEM WITH A TERRIBLE QUESTION...THE QUESTION OF WHICH SUPER-HERO IS TO DIE FOR **LIGHTNING LAD**... AND THEN WE LEARN WHO IS—

PART II

IN A MOMENT WE'LL KNOW WHICH ONE OF US MUST DIE TO BRING **LIGHTNING LAD** BACK TO LIFE!

"The BRAVEST LEGIONNAIRE!"



BUT WHAT OF THE **THIRD** GROUP OF LEGIONNAIRES WHO STARTED OUT ON THE COSMIC SEARCH? LET US LOOK IN ON THEM...

IS THERE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS, **SUN BOY**? THE "MECHANICAL LIBRARIAN" SIMPLY SAID THAT ON THE WORLD OF **SKOR** A STRANGE TECHNIQUE FOR REVIVING APPARENTLY DEAD PEOPLE HAD BEEN PERFECTED?

IT MIGHT REVIVE YOUR BROTHER! BUT **SKOR** IS FAR...AS SOON AS WE'RE OUT OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM WE'LL USE FULL SPEED!



FATE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTS THE URGENT MISSION OF **LIGHTNING LASS**, **SUN BOY** AND **CHAMELEON BOY**!

INTERPLANETARY POST OFFICE CALLING FOR HELP! LISTEN, A RADIO ALARM BULLETIN! WE'RE THREATENED BY A FRIGHTFUL DANGER...



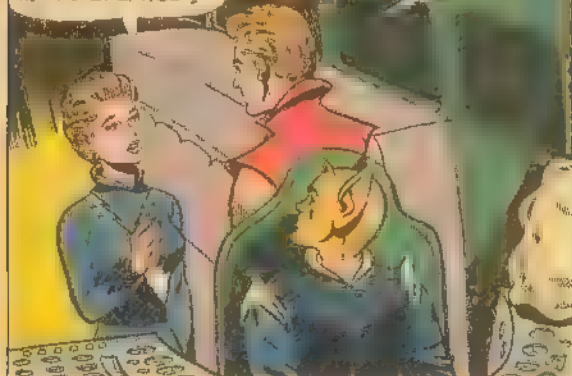


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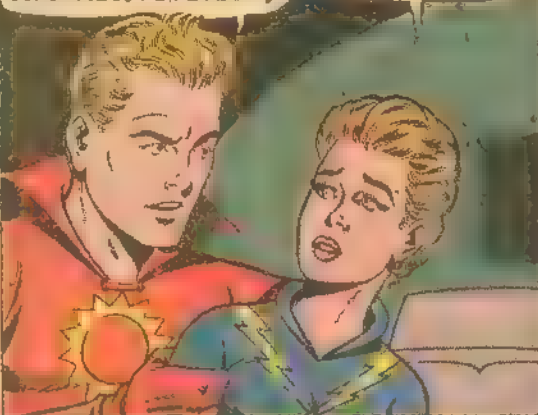
WE'RE NOT FAR FROM THE **INTER-PLANETARY POST OFFICE**, BUT IF WE ANSWER THAT CALL, IT'LL DELAY OUR MISSION! WE CAN'T DO IT... NOT WITH MY BROTHER'S LIFE IN THE BALANCE!

SORRY--BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE!



WE'RE **LEGIONNAIRES**! WE TOOK A VOW TO HELP OTHERS, NO MATTER AT WHAT COST TO OURSELVES! REMEMBER?

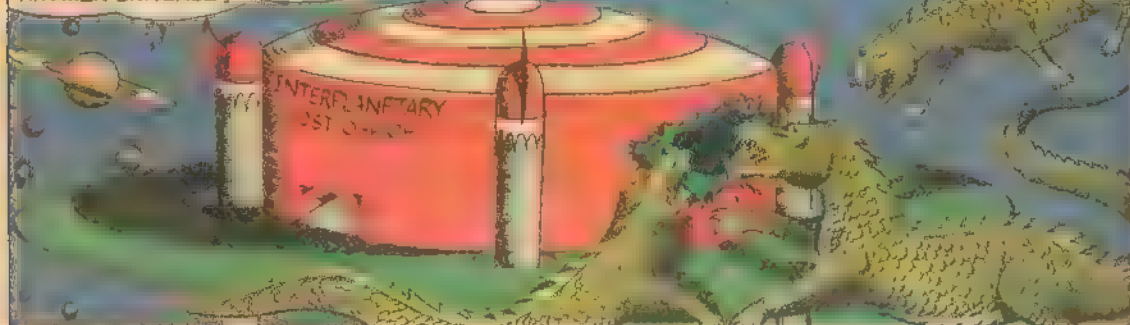
I...REMEMBER! SOB!! WE HAVE TO DO OUR DUTY...



THE GREAT **INTERPLANETARY POST OFFICE**, CENTER OF ALL MAIL BETWEEN WORLDS, IS ATTACKED BY A WEIRD MENACE INDEED!

GREAT JUMPING SUNS, LOOK AT THOSE CREATURES... THEY'RE **SPACE-SERPENTS**, ABLE TO LIVE IN SPACE AND TO EAT METAL AND STONE! THEY MUST BE FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE!

THEY'VE ALREADY EATEN A HOLE IN THE POST OFFICE WALL! GET YOUR SPACE-SUIT ON, **LIGHTNING LASS**... WE MUST ACT!



AS **SUN BOY** AND **LIGHTNING LASS** TURN THEIR SUPER-POWERS LOOSE ON THE MONSTERS!

AS I FIGURED, THOSE CREATURES OF COLD, DARK SPACE DON'T LIKE RADIANT HEAT!

NOR LIGHTNING, THEY'RE RECOILING!



BUT **CHAMELEON BOY**, WHO HAS ENTERED THE POST OFFICE, IS ALERT TO A REMAINING DANGER!

ONE OF THOSE FANTASTIC CREATURES HAS EATEN INTO OUR ROCKET-MAIL ROOM! WE SEALED THE DOOR TO AVOID ALL OUR AIR ESCAPING... BUT TWO OF OUR MEN ARE CAUGHT IN THERE!

MAYBE MY PET, **PROTY**, WHO DOESN'T HAVE TO BREATHE AIR, CAN DECOY THE CREATURE BACK OUTSIDE!

PROTY, IMITATE ONE OF THOSE SPACE-SERPENTS!





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THE LOYAL PET, **PROTY**, WHOSE PROTOPLASMIC BODY CAN IMITATE ANYTHING, FOLLOWS **CHAMELEON BOY'S** ORDERS!

IT'S WORKING! **PROTY**, IMITATING A SMALL SPACE-SERPENT, IS PRETENDING TO FLEE FEARFULLY OUTSIDE AND THE BIG SPACE-SERPENT GOT PANICKY AND IS FOLLOWING HIM!

NOW THE HOLE IN THE WALL CAN BE PATCHED AND AIR CAN BE PUMPED IN AGAIN!

LATER, AFTER THE WALL IS REPAIRED...

THESE TWO MEN WERE FROZEN WHEN THE AIR RUSHED OUT... THEY'RE DEAD! UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR GREAT FEAT CAME TOO LATE!

THEY MIGHT STILL BE SAVED! WE'LL TAKE THEM TO **SKOR** WITH US... THE SCIENTISTS THERE ARE SAID TO HAVE A NEW REVIVAL-TECHNIQUE WE'RE INTERESTED IN!

WITH TWO LIFELESS MEN ABOARD IT, THE LEGION SHIP SPEEDS TO A FAR PLANET!

I SPOKE BY RADIO TO THE **SKORIAN** OFFICIALS... THEY SAY TO BRING THE BODIES TO THEIR **SCIENCE FOUNDATION!**

IF THEY CAN REVIVE THESE DEAD MEN WE CAN TRY THE SAME PROCESS ON **LIGHTNING LAD!**

IN THE **SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF SKOR**, SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY IS PERFORMED!

WE'VE FOUND THAT MEN FROZEN TO DEATH CAN BE REVIVED BY THE POWERFUL RADIOACTIVE FORCE IN THAT CAPSULE, WHICH STARTS FROZEN CELLS FUNCTIONING AGAIN!

IF IT ONLY WORKS...

HOURS LATER...

WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?

I WORKED! IT'LL REVIVE MY BROTHER

I HOPE SO, BUT FROM WHAT YOU TOLD ME, THE **ATOMS** OF HIS BODY MAY HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, AND IF SO, IT MIGHT NOT WORK! BUT WE'LL GIVE YOU A RADIUM-CAPSULE TO TRY!

BACK TO **LIGHTNING WORLD**, WITH SOARING HOPES, SPEED THE THREE **LEGIONNAIRES!**

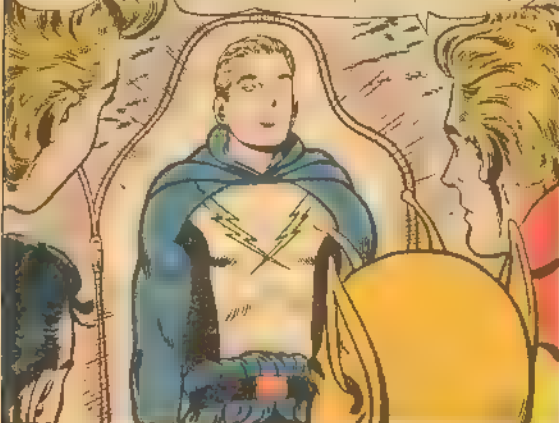
IT'LL BE SOON HE'LL BE SPEAKING, MOVING, LIVING AGAIN!

WONDERFUL TO HAVE **LIGHTNING LAD**, MOST GALLANT OF US ALL, BACK IN THE **LEGION!**

FOUR HOURS AFTERWARD, WHEN THE CAPSULE IS OPENED!

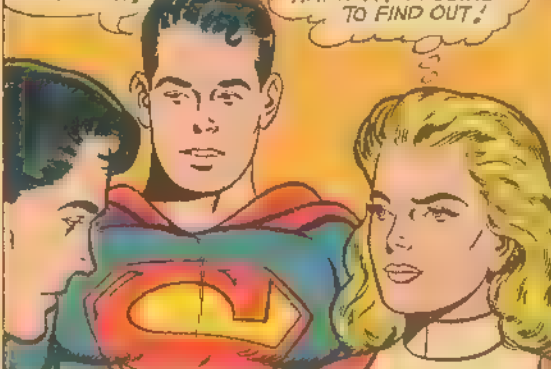
IT FAILED! HE'S STILL LIFELESS... OH!

THEN WHAT THE **SKORIAN** SCIENTIST FEARED, THAT HIS VERY ATOMS WERE DAMAGED, MUST BE TRUE.

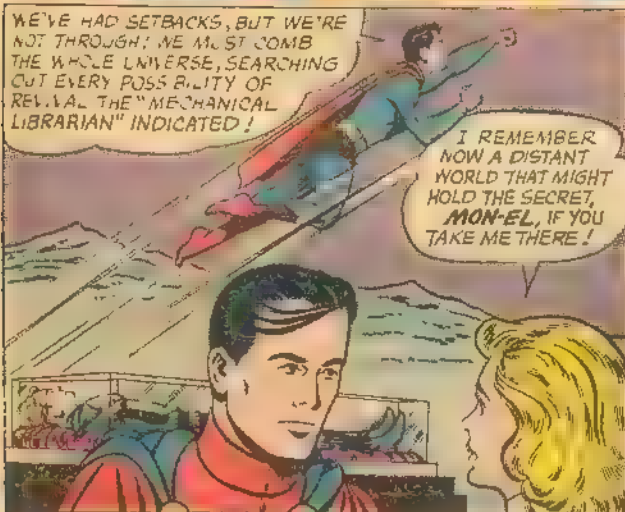


THE SCIENTISTS OF **SKOR** COULDN'T HELP US... EVEN THE GREAT SCIENTISTS OF **MON-EL'S** HOME WORLD OF **DAXAM** COULDN'T. BUT WE WON'T GIVE UP THE QUEST FOR A CURE!

I'M CERTAIN THE SCIENTISTS OF **DAXAM** DID TELL **MON-EL** HOW TO REVIVE **LIGHTNING LAD**, BUT HE WON'T ADMIT IT! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!

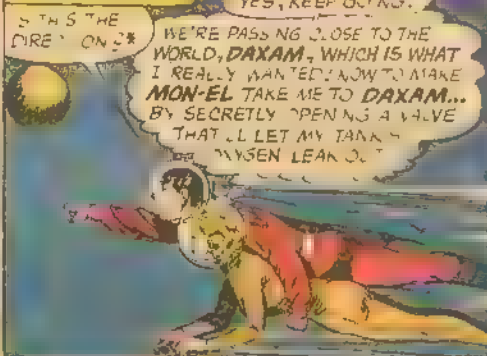


WE'VE HAD SETBACKS, BUT WE'RE NOT THROUGH! WE MUST COMB THE WHOLE UNIVERSE, SEARCHING OUT EVERY POSSIBILITY OF REVIVAL THE "MECHANICAL LIBRARIAN" INDICATED!



I REMEMBER NOW A DISTANT WORLD THAT MIGHT HOLD THE SECRET, **MON-EL**, IF YOU TAKE ME THERE!

AS **MON-EL** AGAIN ZOOMS ACROSS SPACE, WITH **SATURN GIRL**...



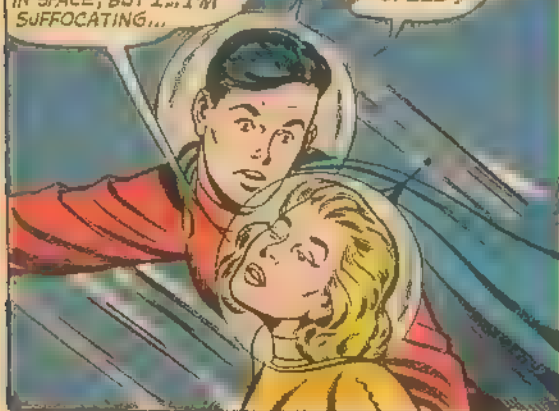
YES, KEEP GOING. WE'RE PASSING CLOSE TO THE WORLD, **DAXAM**, WHICH IS WHAT I REALLY WANTED! NOW TO MAKE **MON-EL** TAKE ME TO **DAXAM**... BY SECRETLY OPENING A VALVE THAT I'LL LET MY TANK... OXYGEN LEAK OUT.

ALTHOUGH INVULNERABLE, **MON-EL** WEARS A RADIO-HELMET SO THAT HE CAN COMMUNICATE IN SPACE WHERE THERE IS NO AIR TO CARRY ORDINARY SOUND WAVES... Editor

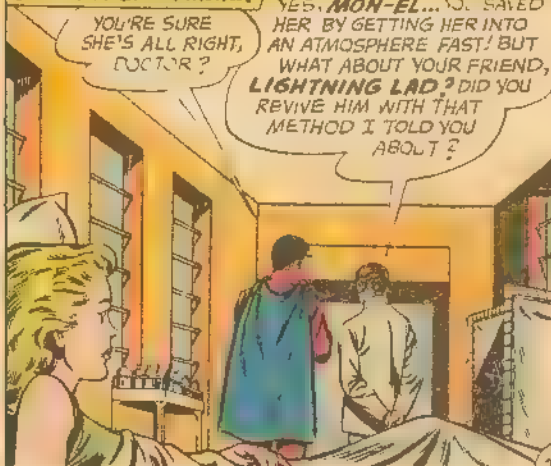
A MINUTE LATER...

MON-EL, MY OXYGEN... IT'S ALL GONE! YOU DON'T NEED TO BREATHE IN SPACE, BUT I... I'M SUFFOCATING...

HANG ON, **SATURN GIRL**! WE'RE NEAR **DAXAM**... I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE AIR THERE AT SUPER-SPEED!

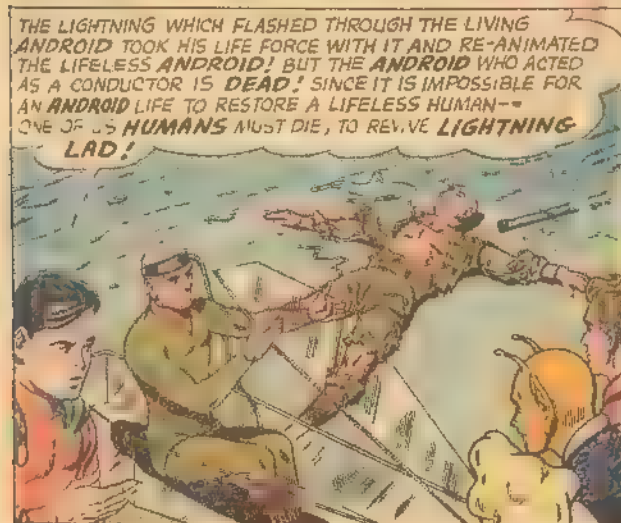
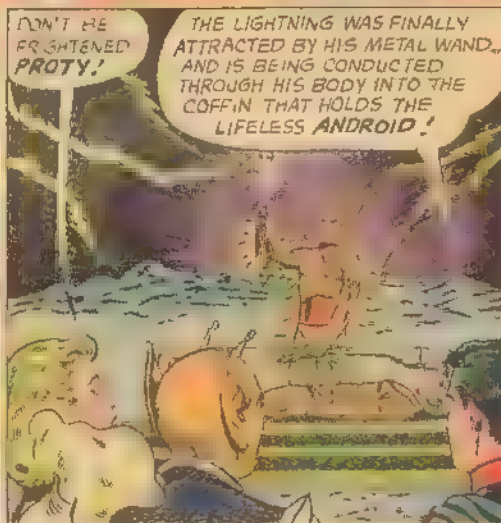
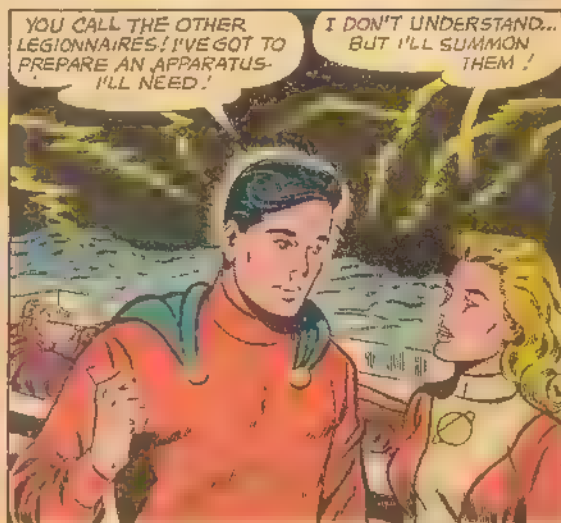
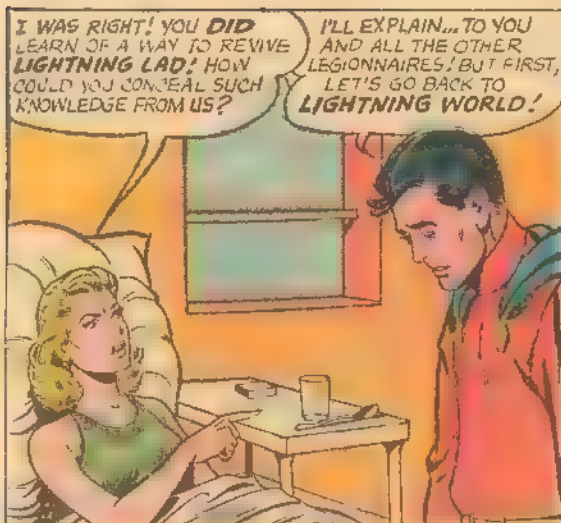


SOON, **SATURN GIRL** WAKES IN THE GREAT MEDICAL CENTER OF **DAXAM**!



YOU'RE SURE SHE'S ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR?

YES, **MON-EL**... NO. SAVED HER BY GETTING HER INTO AN ATMOSPHERE FAST! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, **LIGHTNING LAD**? DID YOU REVIVE HIM WITH THAT METHOD I TOLD YOU ABOUT?





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BUT, **MON-EL** YOU AND I ARE SUPER! IT COULDN'T KILL ONE OF US!

IT COULDN'T KILL ONE OF US TWO, BUT WOULD DRAIN OUR LIFE FORCES SO THAT EVEN THOUGH LIVING, WE'D LIVE IN A DEATH-LIKE COMA! **LIGHTNING LAD** CAN ONLY LIVE AGAIN IF ONE OF US DIES! BUT WHICH?

I'LL BE THE ONE AFTER ALL, IT WAS MY FAULT THAT **LIGHTNING LAD** WAS KILLED.

NO... DON'T! **LIGHTNING LAD** WAS MY BEST FRIEND.

THERE'S ONLY ONE FAIR WAY WE'LL EACH HOLD UP A WAND AND WHICHEVER ONE OF US THE LIGHTNING CHANCES TO STRIKE, WILL BE THE SACRIFICE! EACH OF YOU GET A STEEL WAND!

BUT **SATURN GIRL**, FEELING RESPONSIBLE FOR **LIGHTNING LAD**'S DEATH, IS DETERMINED SHE WILL BE THE SACRIFICE... THIS WAND I'LL HOLD WILL LOOK LIKE STEEL WHEN I'M DONE PAINTING IT BUT UNDERNEATH IT'S **DURALIM** A METAL WHICH HAS A GREATER ATTRACTION FOR LIGHTNING THAN ANY OTHER ELEMENT!

PROTY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING... COME BACK!

AS SHE FOLLOWS THE RUNAWAY CHAMELEON-PET INTO TWISTING CAVERNS...

PROTY, COME HERE!

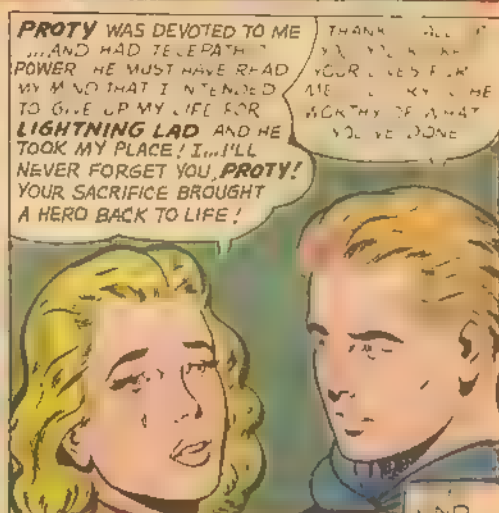
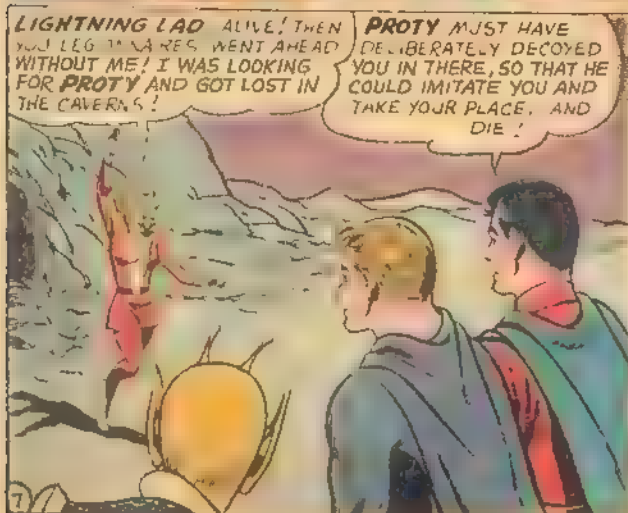
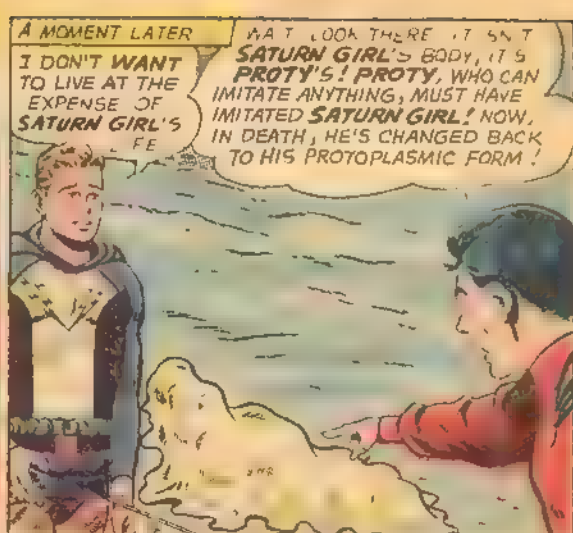
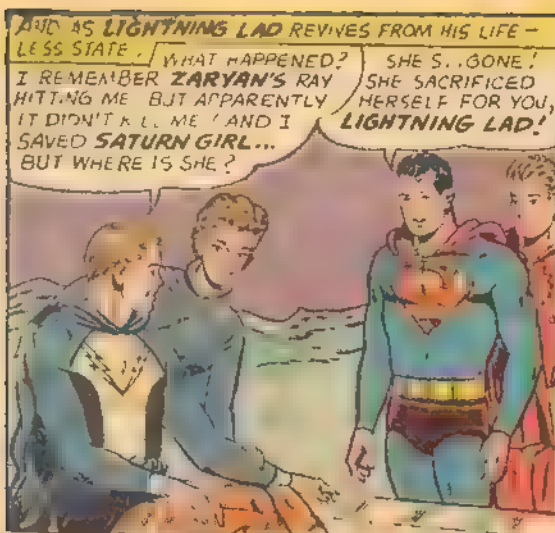
I CAN'T TELL WHERE HE IS IN THESE WINDING CAVERNS; HMM. I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TROUBLE FINDING MY WAY OUT OF THIS MAZE, SO I CAN TAKE PART IN REVIVING **LIGHTNING LAD**!

BUT MINUTES LATER, A SOLEMN GROUP OF LEGIONNAIRES MAKES THE GREAT ATTEMPT!

WHICH ONE OF US WILL THE LIGHTNING HIT, WHICH?

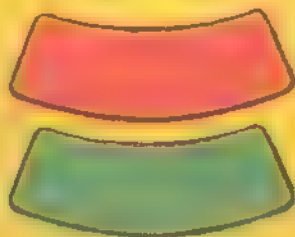
THE TERRIBLE QUESTION IS SOON ANSWERED! IT WAS **SATURN GIRL**... OH, OH!

THE LIGHTNING BURNED THE "STEEL" COATING FROM HER **DURALIM** WAND! SHE DELIBERATELY SACRIFICED HERSELF! SHE WAS THE **BRAVEST** OF US ALL!



LOOK AT THE CURVED SHAPES!

Which of the two is larger?



Answer:

THEY ARE BOTH THE SAME SIZE!
... MEASURE THEM AND YOU WILL FIND

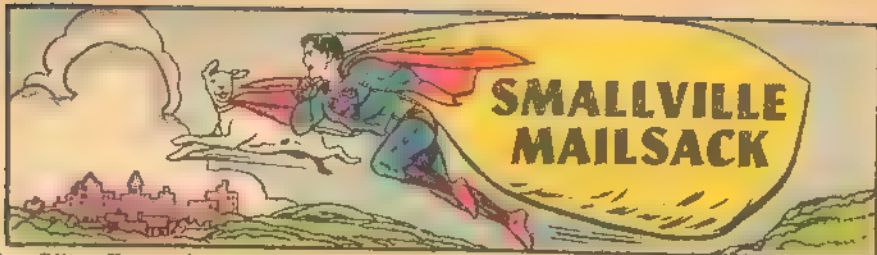
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Dear Editor: Your reader, Russell Whittenburg, is mistaken when he says that if **LIGHTNING LAD** were restored to life, **ADVENTURE COMICS** would lose its credibility. I'm sure most DC fans have seen the great science fiction movie, "The Day the Earth Stood Still." It did not detract anything from the film when the hero from a distant world was killed and later restored to life by advanced scientific means. Similarly, the excellence of the Legion stories could not be lessened by the return of **LIGHTNING LAD**. If present-day science has succeeded in creating elementary life forms in a test tube, then it is not too much of an impossibility to suppose that a super-scientific civilization of the 20th Century might be able to restore life under certain conditions.

David Smith, Knoxville, Tenn

(We agree with you thoroughly. As for the thousands of other readers who have been clamoring for the revival of **LIGHTNING LAD**, their wish is granted in the Legion story in this issue. Now—is everybody happy?—Ed.)

...

Dear Editor: In the April issue of **ADVENTURE**, you show **SUPERBOY** making the water real salty, so Lana can't sink in it. But, according to Superboy's code of ethics, it is against his principles to kill any living thing. Wouldn't the fresh water fish die in the salty water?

Stephen Tenyak, St. Marys, Ohio

(Superboy had examined the water with his super vision, was relieved to note that there were no fish in it of any kind.—Ed.)

...

Dear Editor: Some time ago, when a reader wrote in asking if we could have a story where Superboy marries Lana Lang, you answered that they were both too young to obtain a marriage license in any city of the United States. However, according to the World Almanac, in the state of New Hampshire a girl can marry at 13 and a boy at 14 providing they have their parents' consent. Let's see you squirm out of this one!

Violet Smith, Santa Ana, Calif.

(Superboy's parents are Martha and Jonathan Kent, right? And if they gave their consent to his marriage to Lana, everyone would know Superboy was their son, a fact they have gone to great lengths to conceal. So your ingenious suggestion won't work.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Did Krypto, Superboy's pet dog, ever meet Streaky, Supergirl's pet?

Paul Tremaine, Denver, Colo.

(Yes. They are both members of the Legion of Super-Pets, which also includes Super-Horse and Super-Monkey. They'll all be featured soon in an upcoming story.—Ed.)

...

Dear Editor: I like your stories which feature Lex Luthor. I can understand why he is bald as an adult. But how did he become bald as a youth?

Larry Minton, Paris, Texas

(As a youth, Lex Luthor had a shock of curly hair. But one day, while conducting an unusual experiment, an explosion occurred, and the escaping chemical fumes affected the roots of his hair so that he became permanently bald. Despite his scientific genius, Luthor has never been able to find a way to make his hair grow again.—Ed.)

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Bits of Legionnaire Business

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John Maynard, Columbus, Ohio: "**AIRLESS BOY**—he can live anywhere without having to breathe." . . . Gary Haight, Akron, Ohio: "**SPELL BOY**—he has the power to cast a spell on any outlaw." . . . Tom Holberg, Forest Park, Ill.: "**E.S.P. KID**—he has the powers of second sight, telepathy and hypnotism." . . . Maggie Fraser, Pleasantville, N. Y.: "**WEIGHT WIZARD**—he can make himself weigh any amount, from an ounce to ten tons." Tom Kegley, St. Paul, Minn.: "**BLOCKADE BOY**—he can change himself into an invulnerable steel wall of any size or shape."

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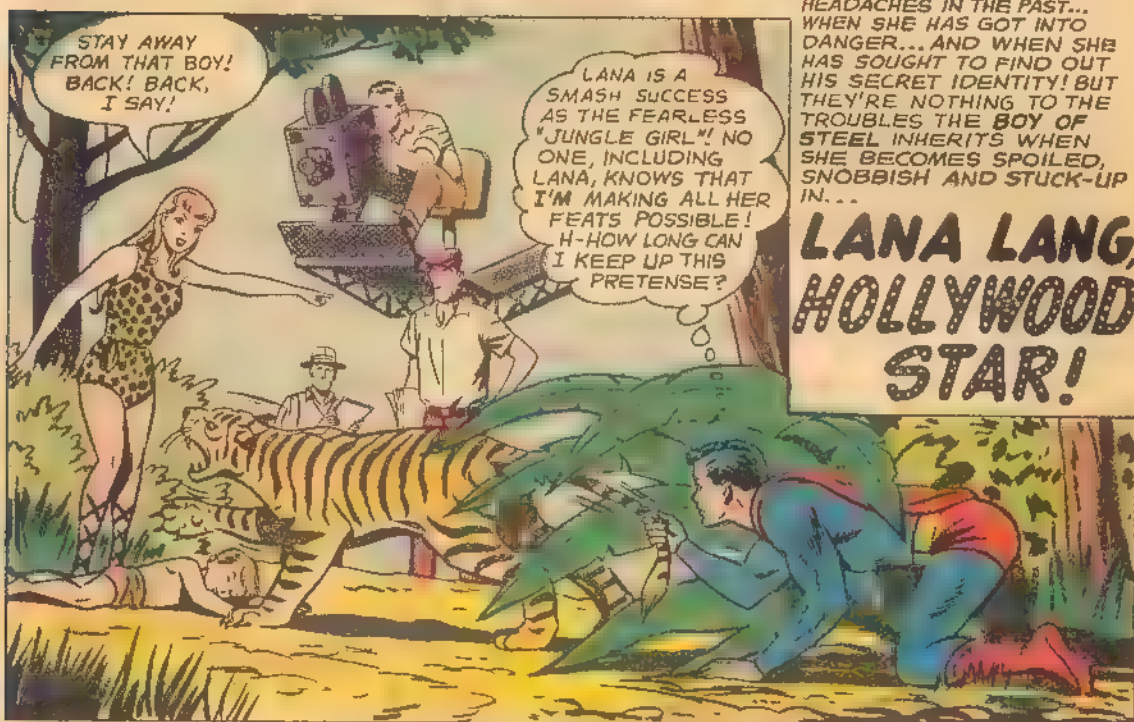
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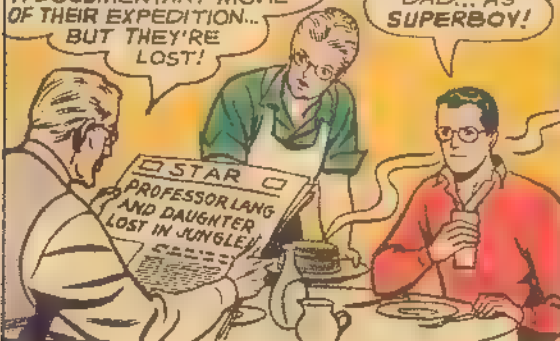
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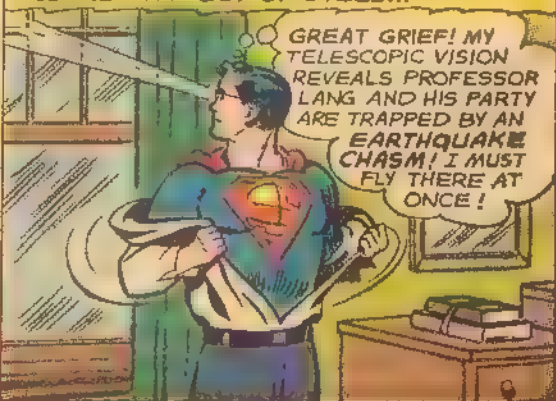
ONE MORNING IN SMALLVILLE, AS THE KENT FAMILY HAS BREAKFAST...

THIS IS TERRIBLE, CLARK! THE LANGS WERE MAKING A DOCUMENTARY MOVIE OF THEIR EXPEDITION... BUT THEY'RE LOST!

LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A TRIP TO AFRICA, DAD... AS SUPERBOY!



SHEDDING HIS OUTER GARMENTS AND GLASSES, MILD-MANNERED CLARK KENT BECOMES THE BOY OF STEEL...





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AND MOMENTS LATER, HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD, DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE AFRICAN VELDT..

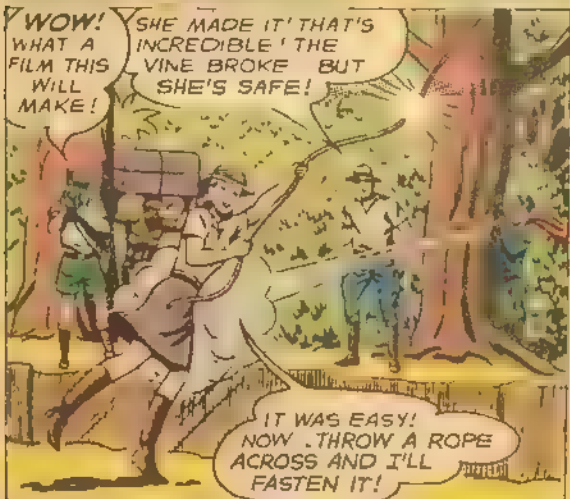
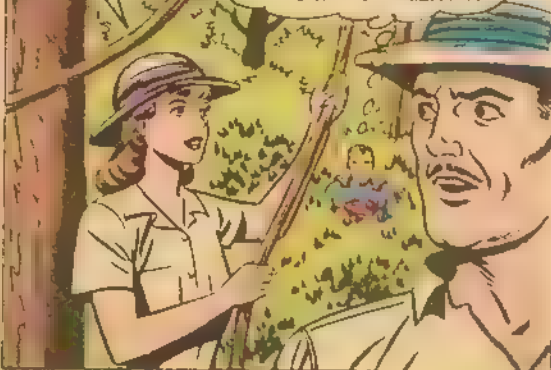
AH...THERE THEY ARE! I MUST RESCUE THEM SECRETLY, BECAUSE IF ANYONE LEARNED THAT I HELPED THEM SURVIVE THE PERILS OF THE JUNGLE, THEIR REPUTATION AS EXPLORERS WOULD BE RUINED!

IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY WE COULD GET A ROPE ACROSS



WE DON'T NEED A ROPE! I CAN SWING ACROSS THE CHASM ON THIS VINE!

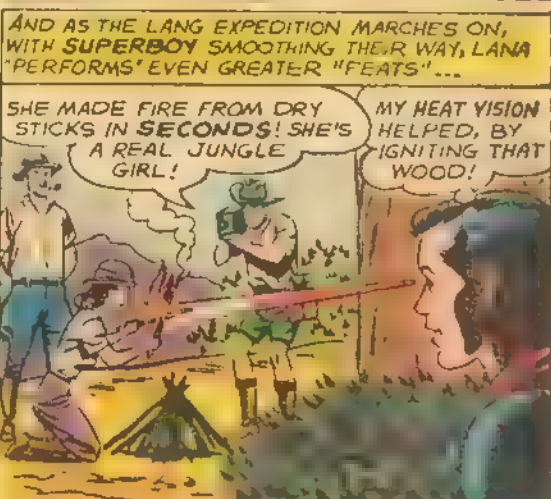
OH. OH! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN LANA WOULD TRY A CRAZY STUNT LIKE THAT! THE VINE'S TOO THIN! IT'LL SNAP UNDER HER WEIGHT! BUT I'LL BE READY WITH MY SUPER-BREATH!



WOW! WHAT A FILM THIS WILL MAKE!

SHE MADE IT! THAT'S INCREDIBLE! THE VINE BROKE BUT SHE'S SAFE!

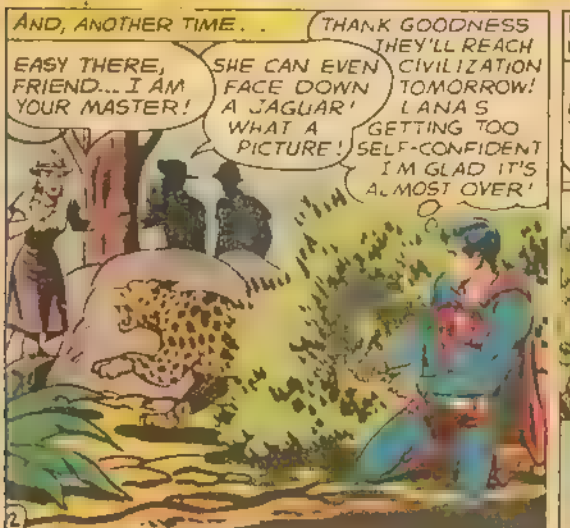
IT WAS EASY! NOW THROW A ROPE ACROSS AND I'LL FASTEN IT!



AND AS THE LANG EXPEDITION MARCHES ON, WITH **SUPERBOY** SMOOTHING THEIR WAY, LANA "PERFORMS" EVEN GREATER "FEATS"...

SHE MADE FIRE FROM DRY STICKS IN SECONDS! SHE'S A REAL JUNGLE GIRL!

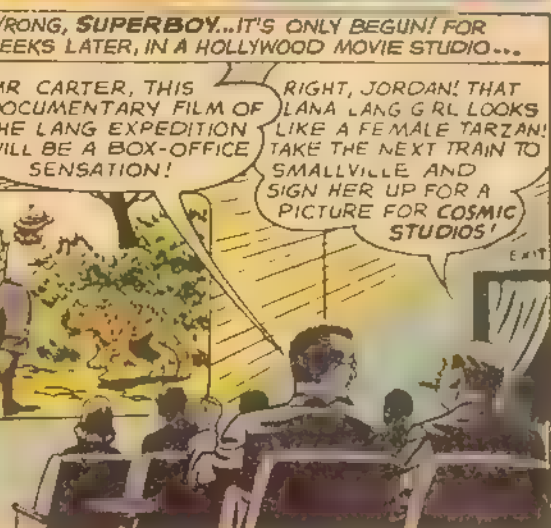
MY HEAT VISION HELPED, BY IGNITING THAT WOOD!



AND, ANOTHER TIME... EASY THERE, FRIEND... I AM YOUR MASTER!

SHE CAN EVEN FACE DOWN A JAGUAR! WHAT A PICTURE!

THANK GOODNESS THEY'LL REACH CIVILIZATION TOMORROW! LANA'S GETTING TOO SELF-CONFIDENT I'M GLAD IT'S ALMOST OVER!



WRONG, **SUPERBOY**...IT'S ONLY BEGUN! FOR WEEKS LATER, IN A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE STUDIO...

MR CARTER, THIS DOCUMENTARY FILM OF THE LANG EXPEDITION WILL BE A BOX-OFFICE SENSATION!

RIGHT, JORDAN! THAT LANA LANG GRL LOOKS LIKE A FEMALE TARZAN! TAKE THE NEXT TRAIN TO SMALLVILLE AND SIGN HER UP FOR A PICTURE FOR COSMIC STUDIOS!



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AND SO, ONE MORNING, THE LANGS RECEIVE AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR WITH A HOLLYWOOD OFFER...

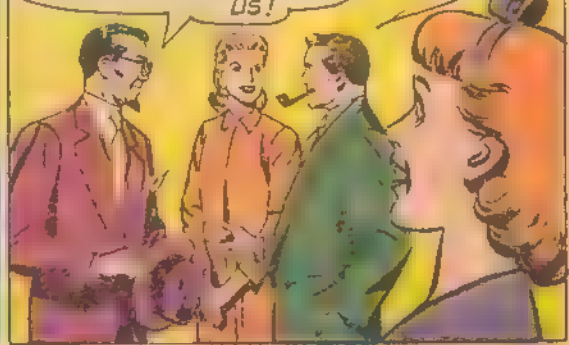
IMPOSSIBLE! MRS. LANG AND I ARE LEAVING FOR INDIA SOON AND LANA CAN'T GO TO HOLLYWOOD ALONE

BUT WE PLAN TO MAKE THE PICTURE RIGHT HERE IN SMALLVILLE!



THIS PICTURE WILL BE ABOUT A WILD JUNGLE GIRL WHO COMES TO LIVE IN AN AMERICAN TOWN! SMALLVILLE'S THE PERFECT SETTING. WHAT'S MORE, WE'LL BUY A NEW WING FOR SMALLVILLE HOSPITAL IF YOUR DAUGHTER WILL HELP US!

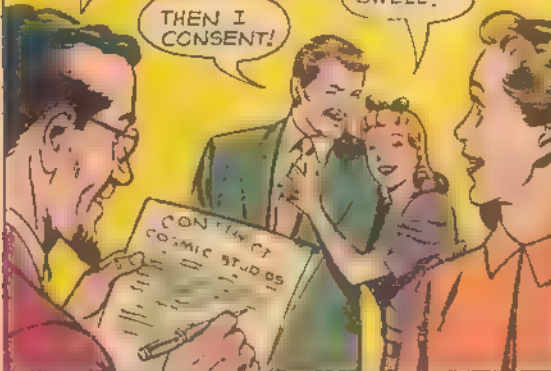
WELL, IN THAT CASE I CAN'T REFUSE! BUT LANA MUSTN'T APPEAR IN ANYTHING TOO LURID!



DON'T WORRY...WE'LL INSERT A CLAUSE IN HER CONTRACT ALLOWING HER TO SELECT HER OWN LEADING MAN AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES IN THE STORY!

THEN I CONSENT!

SWELL!



TO CLARK KENT, HOWEVER, LANA'S NEWS IS ANYTHING BUT SWELL...

I'LL LET YOU VISIT ME AT THE SET, CLARK... BUT OF COURSE I'LL BE TOO BUSY TO PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO YOU! TO GUARD MY CAREER, I'LL HAVE TO PICK JUST THE RIGHT LEADING MAN!

OH... TO THINK I STARTED ALL THIS! NOW, FOR THE HOSPITAL'S SAKE, I MUST HELP IT SUCCEED!



DAYS LATER, WHEN THE MOVIE COMPANY ARRIVES AND LANA LOOKS OVER HER PROSPECTIVE CO-STARS...

RON RENDLE IS AN EXPERIENCED ACTOR... HE SHOULD FIT THE PART WELL!

YES... A LITTLE TOO WELL. HE'S LIABLE TO OUTSMART ME AND THAT WOULD RUIN MY CAREER!

ER... HE MUST BE ATHLETIC, TOO! LET'S SEE IF HE CAN DO STUNTS!



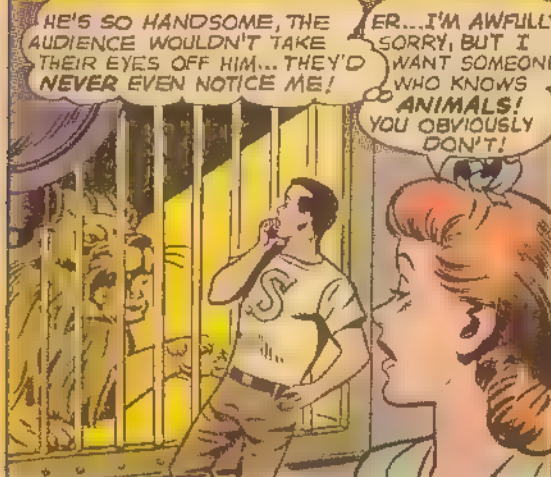
NO, NO... HE WON'T DO AT ALL FOR THIS PICTURE.

I'LL GET AN EXPERIENCED ATHLETE TO TEST FOR THE PART THEN!

HMM... LANA'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT!



BUT WHEN A STAR-TEEN-AGE ATHLETE TRIES OUT...



HE'S SO HANDSOME, THE AUDIENCE WOULDN'T TAKE THEIR EYES OFF HIM... THEY'D NEVER EVEN NOTICE ME!

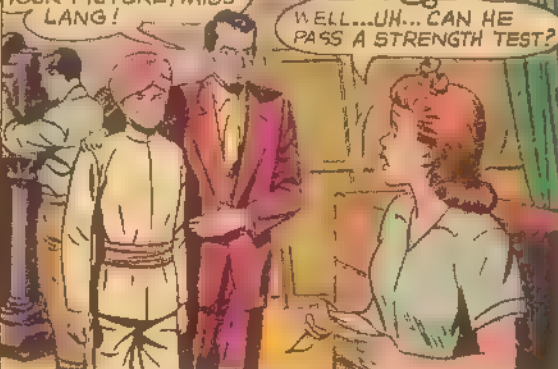
ER... I'M AWFULLY SORRY, BUT I WANT SOMEONE WHO KNOWS ANIMALS! YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T!

AND ONCE AGAIN, WHEN LANA'S REQUEST IS SATISFIED...

MEET THARKA A NATIVE BOY! HE'D BE A SENSATION IN YOUR PICTURE, MISS LANG!

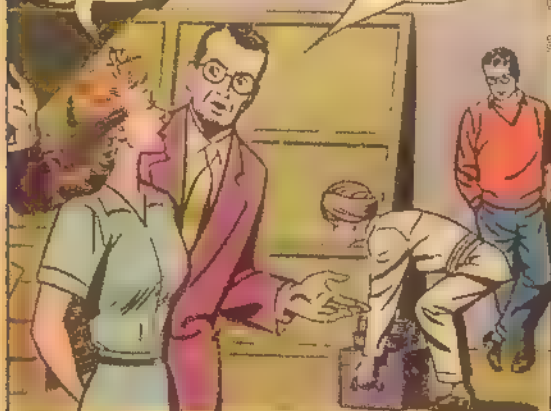
SENSATION IS RIGHT... HE CAN HANDLE ANIMALS BETTER THAN I CAN! THAT WOULD NEVER DO!

WELL... UH... CAN HE PASS A STRENGTH TEST?



SORRY, HE'S TOO MUCH A WEAKLING FOR THE PART!

WELL, JUST WHOM DO YOU WANT? **SUPERBOY** MAYBE?



THAT LANG GIRL'S SO TEMPERAMENTAL ABOUT LEADING MEN, WE'LL NEVER GET THIS PICTURE MADE! I'LL WIRE MR. MURREL TO CALL IT OFF!

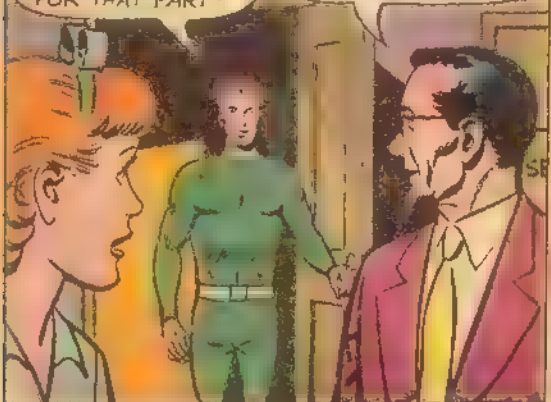
GOSH IF LANA'S TEMPERAMENT RUINS THE PROJECT THERE'LL BE NO HOSPITAL WING FOR SMALLVILLE! HMMM... THAT CRACK HE MADE ABOUT **SUPERBOY** GIVES ME AN IDEA!



AFTER A QUICK CHANGE, CLARK APPEARS, NOT IN HIS USUAL **SUPERBOY** COSTUME... BUT IN A NEW GUISE...

HOW ABOUT ME FOR THAT PART?

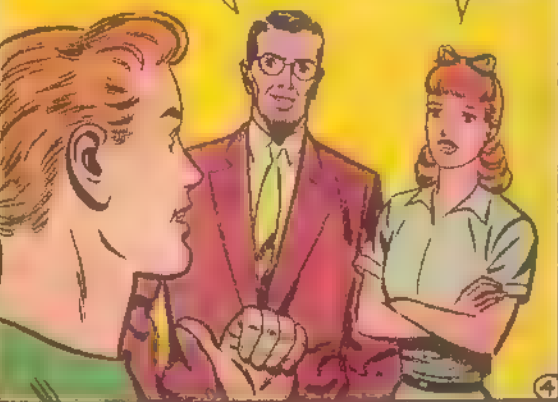
AND JUST WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DO, SON?



I'M AN ACROBAT!

YOU MIGHT BE WHAT WE WANT... HOW ABOUT IT, MISS LANG?

VERY WELL... PUT HIM THROUGH THE TESTS!

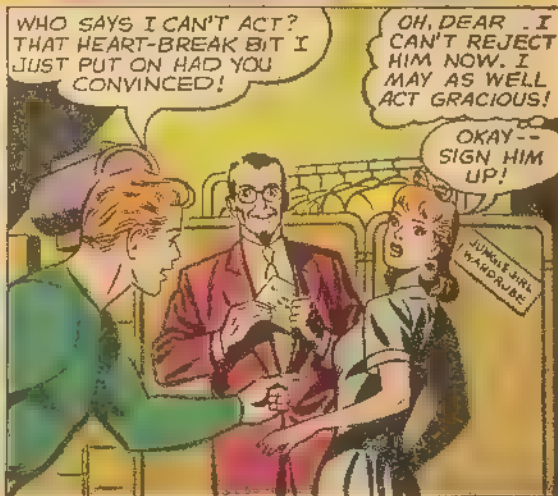
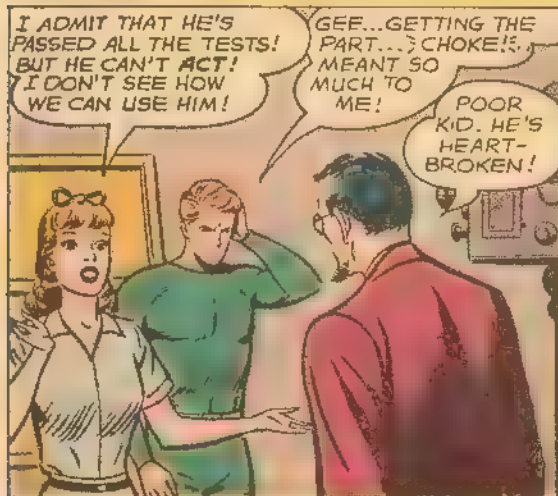
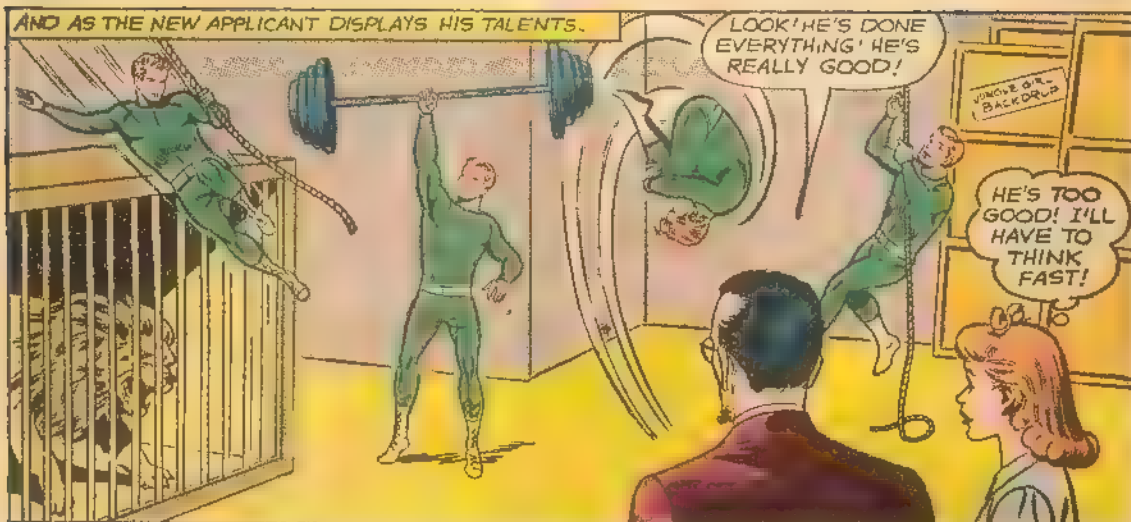




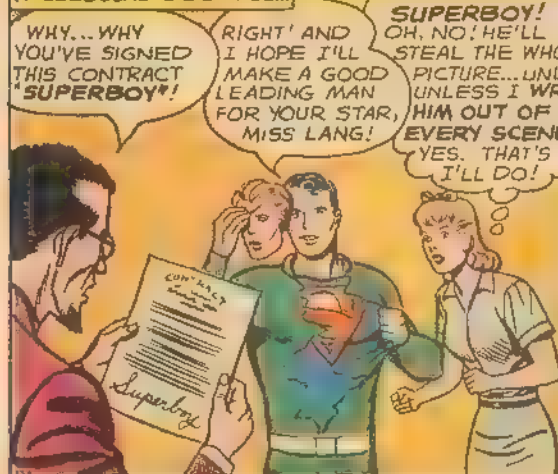
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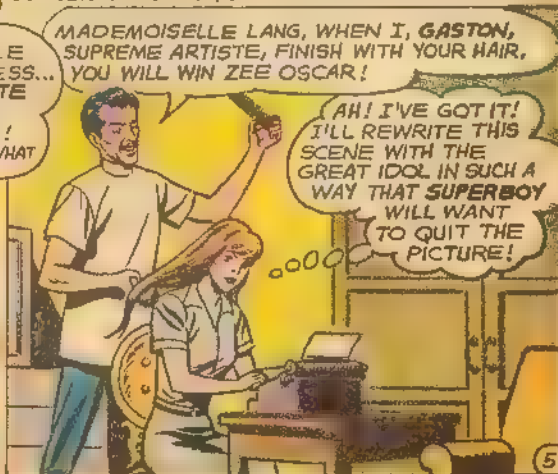
AND AS THE NEW APPLICANT DISPLAYS HIS TALENTS.



A MOMENT LATER, LANA REALIZES SHE HAS MADE A COLOSSAL BOO-BOO...



AS A HOLLYWOOD HAIR-DRESSER GIVES LANA A JUNGLE 'HAIR-DO', SHE REWRITES THE SCRIPT.





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NEXT MORNING, AS SHOOTING STARTS WITH LANA'S "REVISED" SCRIPT...

LANA, THIS SCENE YOU'VE WRITTEN IN WHICH YOU CLIMB THAT "FIRE-GOD OF THE JUNGLE" IDOL AND STEAL ITS RUBY EYE IS GREAT! BUT WHERE WILL SUPERBOY BE WHEN WE SHOOT IT?

OH, HE'LL BE DOING A SUPER-STUNT. HE'LL BE INSIDE THE IDOL'S HOLLOW ARM, HOLDING THOSE FLAMING LOGS IN HIS BARE HAND SO THAT THE AUDIENCE WILL THINK THE IDOL'S HAND IS EMITTING FIRE!

AS SUPERBOY TAKES HIS PLACE INSIDE THE IDOL'S HOLLOW ARM...

HMM...LANA'S STILL STAGE-STUCK AS EVER! THE ONLY WAY TO CURE HER IS TO TEACH HER A LESSON OR TWO ABOUT SCENE-STEALING AND I THINK I KNOW HOW!

AS THE DIRECTOR YELLS "ACTION"!

HA! THAT LITTLE CHORE I GAVE SUPERBOY WILL KEEP HIM OUT OF THE CAMERA'S EYE, WHILE I DO MY STUFF!

BUT JUST AS LANA IS ABOUT TO REMOVE THE GIANT JEWEL...

NOW TO USE MY HEAT VISION TO GIVE THE OLD FRANK OF A "HOT FOOT" A NEW TWIST...

NEXT MOMENT.

A "HOT HAND!"

OUCH THAT JEWEL HOT. HELP!



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NEXT MOMENT, A FAMILIAR RED AND-BLUE FIGURE STREAKS TO LANA'S RESCUE...



RELAX, LANA! I'VE HAD PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE CATCHING FALLING STARS!

WHAT A SHOT! I'LL GET A MONTH'S BONUS FOR THIS!

MOMENTS LATER, THE DIRECTOR FACES A FURIOUS LANA...

SUPERBOY, THAT WAS MAGNIFICENT! YOUR RESCUE MADE A TERRIFIC SCENE! DID YOU KNOW LANA WOULD FALL?

ER... I SORT OF HAD AN IDEA!

BUT THIS ISN'T THE WAY I WROTE IT! THAT SCENE HAS GOT TO COME OUT!

I'M DIRECTING THIS PICTURE, AND I'LL DECIDE WHAT SCENES STAY IN, MISS LANG! YOUR CONTRACT STATES YOU MAY ONLY MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES!

VERY WELL, MR. JORDAN!

BUT I'LL MAKE 100% SURE, NEXT TIME, THAT SUPERBOY STAYS IN THE BACKGROUND!

A HARD EVENING'S RE-WRITING, AND LANA FACES THE NEXT SCENE WITH COMPLETE SATISFACTION

LANA, AS THE "JUNGLE GIRL", WILL CLIMB UP THAT VINE INTO THAT BURNING STOCKADE TO SAVE THE ANIMALS TRAPPED INSIDE! YOU, SUPERBOY, ARE TO BORE A TUNNEL UNDERGROUND THROUGH WHICH LANA CAN DRIVE THE ANIMALS TO SAFETY!

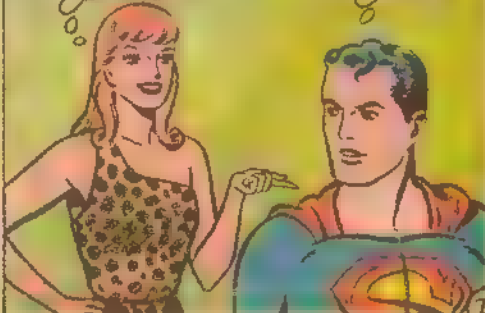


REMEMBER, SUPERBOY, YOU ARE TO STAY UNDERGROUND THROUGHOUT THIS SCENE!

I UNDERSTAND, LANA. I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!

THAT'LL KEEP HIM OUT OF SIGHT OF THE CAMERA AFTER ALL, I'M THE STAR!

BUT I'LL HAVE TO TRICK HER, EVEN THOUGH I KEEP MY WORD!

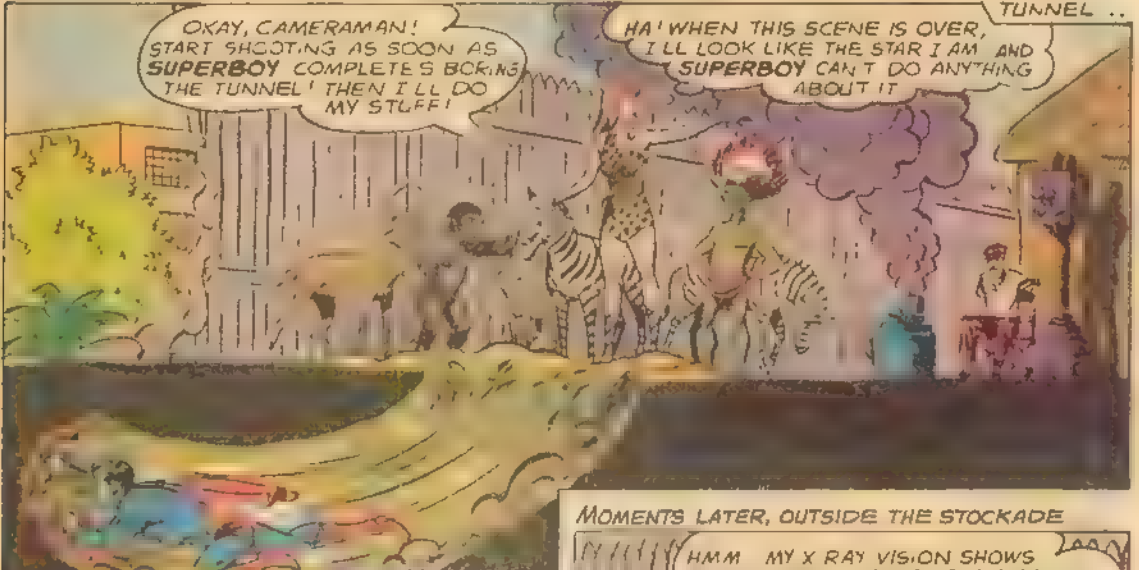




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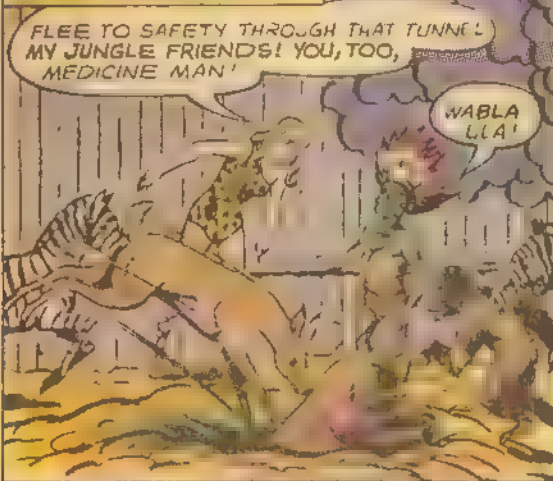
SOON INSIDE THE STOCKADE AS THE BOY OF STEEL BECOMES A HUMAN DRILL TO BURROW A TUNNEL ..



OKAY, CAMERAMAN!
START SHOOTING AS SOON AS
SUPERBOY COMPLETES BORING
THE TUNNEL! THEN I'LL DO
MY STUFF!

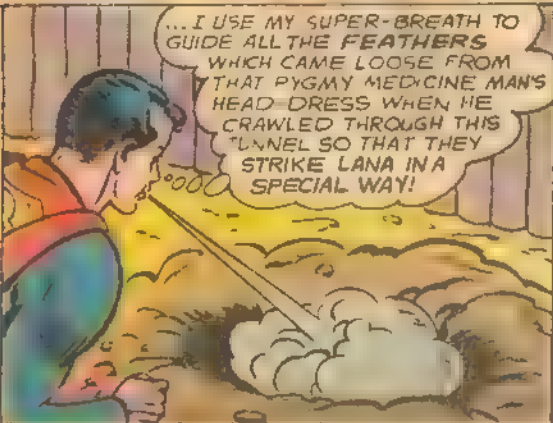
HA! WHEN THIS SCENE IS OVER,
I'LL LOOK LIKE THE STAR I AM AND
SUPERBOY CAN'T DO ANYTHING
ABOUT IT

AS THE CAMERA ROLLS...



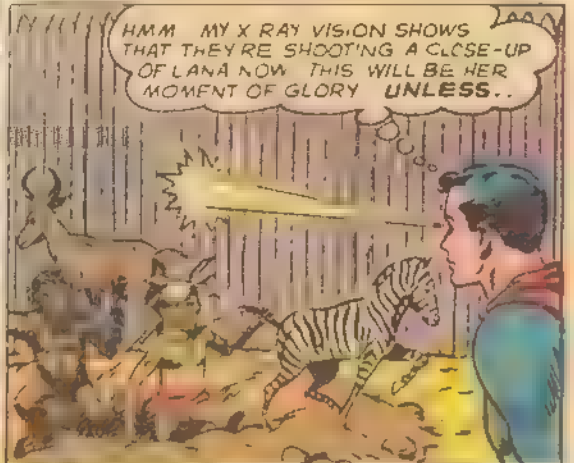
FLEE TO SAFETY THROUGH THAT TUNNEL!
MY JUNGLE FRIENDS! YOU, TOO,
MEDICINE MAN!

WABLA
LLA!



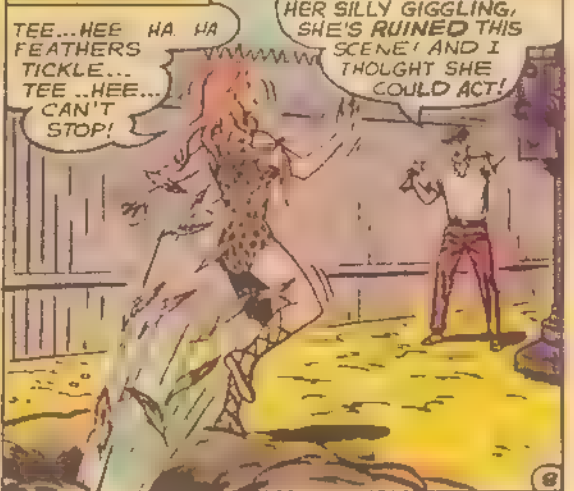
...I USE MY SUPER-BREATH TO
GUIDE ALL THE FEATHERS
WHICH CAME LOOSE FROM
THAT PYGMY MEDICINE MAN'S
HEAD DRESS WHEN HE
CRAWLED THROUGH THIS
TUNNEL SO THAT THEY
STRIKE LANA IN A
SPECIAL WAY!

MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE THE STOCKADE



HMM MY X RAY VISION SHOWS
THAT THEY'RE SHOOTING A CLOSE-UP
OF LANA NOW. THIS WILL BE HER
MOMENT OF GLORY UNLESS...

NEXT MOMENT...



TEE...HEE HA HA
FEATHERS
TICKLE...
TEE...HEE...
CAN'T
STOP!

GREAT SCOTT! WITH
HER SILLY GIGGLING,
SHE'S RUINED THIS
SCENE! AND I
THOUGHT SHE
COULD ACT!

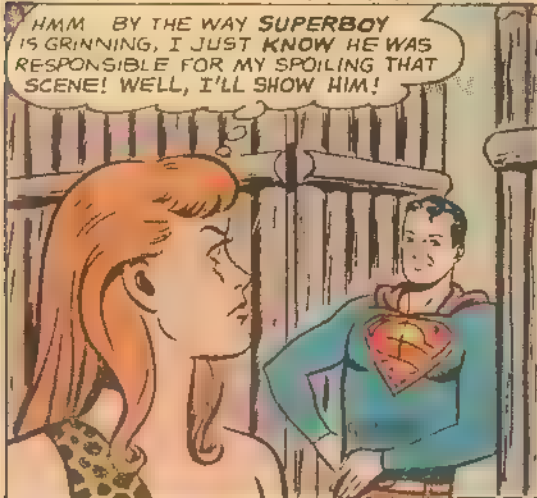


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WHEN LANA REGAINS HER COMPOSURE...

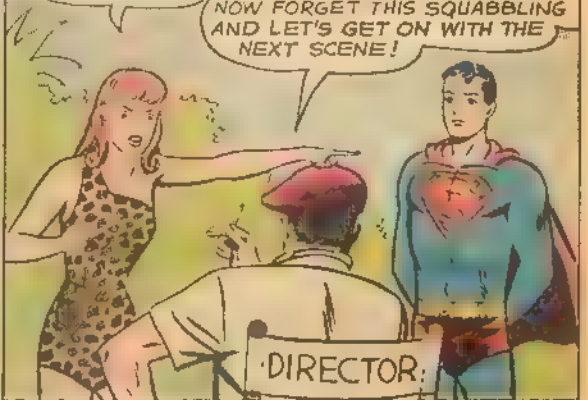
HMM BY THE WAY **SUPERBOY** IS GRINNING, I JUST KNOW HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SPOILING THAT SCENE! WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM!



THERE IS NO FURY LIKE THAT OF A JEALOUS STAR...

EITHER YOU FIRE **SUPERBOY**, OR I'LL QUIT!

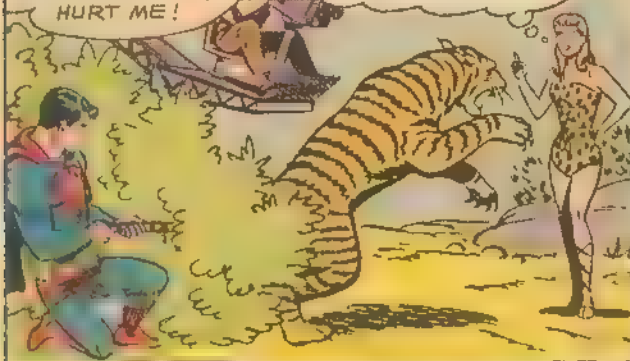
NEITHER OF YOU CAN QUIT OR BE FIRED! YOU'VE BOTH SIGNED CONTRACTS! NOW FORGET THIS SQUABBLING AND LET'S GET ON WITH THE NEXT SCENE!



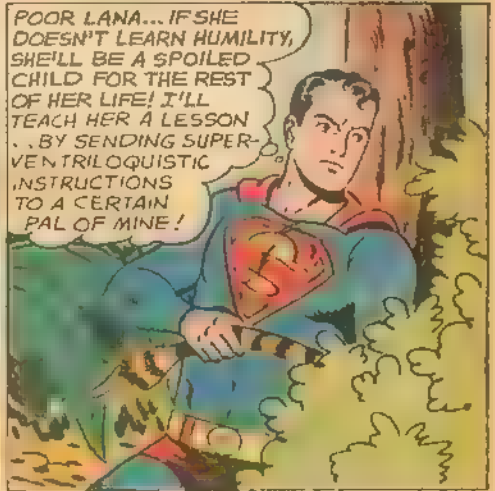
PRESENTLY...

IN THIS NEXT SCENE, **SUPERBOY**, YOU HOLD THAT TIGER BY THE TAIL SO HE CAN'T HURT ME!

HA! WHEN THIS APPEARS ON THE SCREEN, NO ONE WILL SEE **SUPERBOY** AND IT WILL LOOK AS IF I HAVE MASTERY OVER ALL JUNGLE BEASTS!



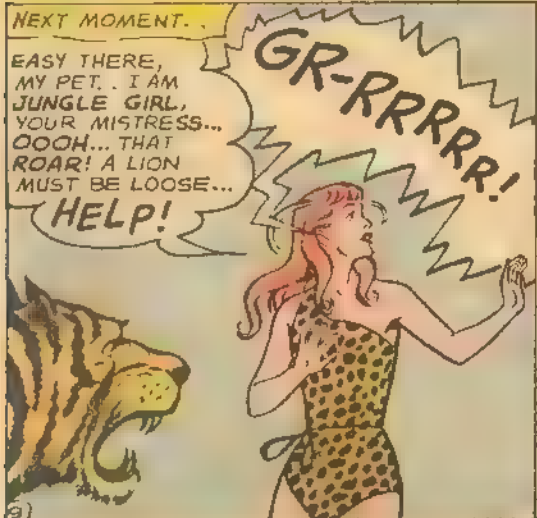
POOR LANA... IF SHE DOESN'T LEARN HUMILITY, SHE'LL BE A SPOILED CHILD FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE! I'LL TEACH HER A LESSON... BY SENDING SUPER-VENTRILOQUISTIC INSTRUCTIONS TO A CERTAIN PAL OF MINE!



NEXT MOMENT...

EASY THERE, MY PET... I AM JUNGLE GIRL, YOUR MISTRESS... OOOH... THAT ROAR! A LION MUST BE LOOSE... **HELP!**

GR-RRRR!

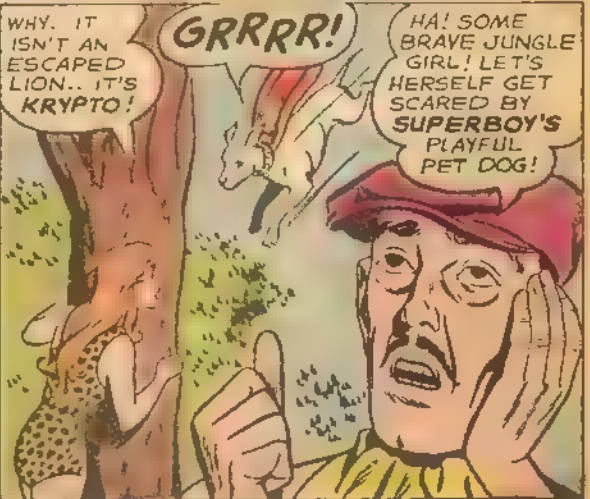


AS AN EMBARRASSED LANA LEARNS THE TRUTH...

WHY. IT ISN'T AN ESCAPED LION... IT'S **KRYPTO!**

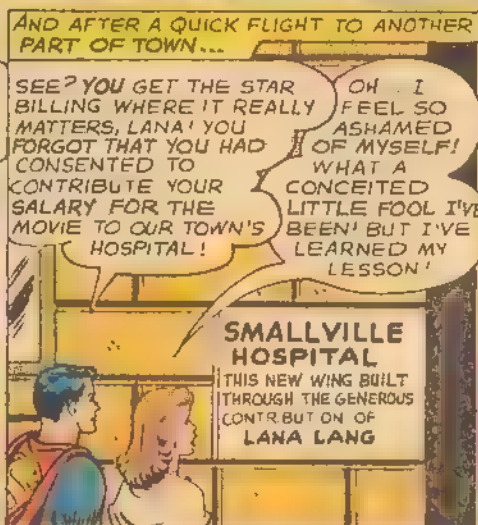
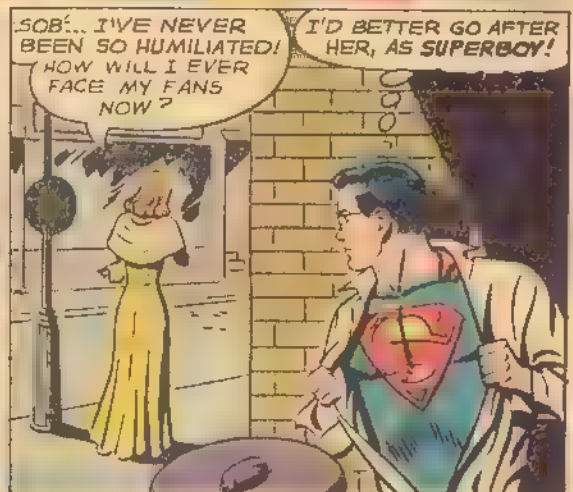
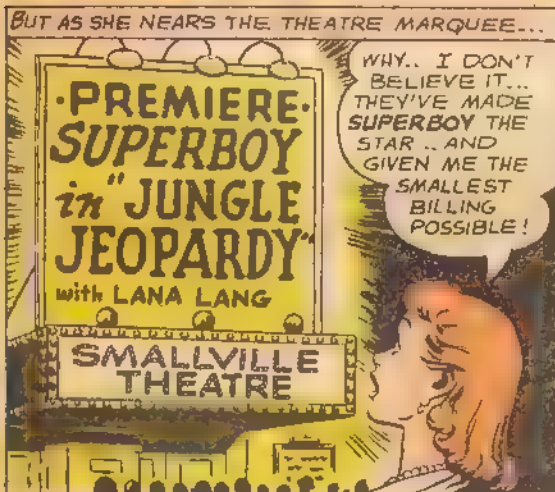
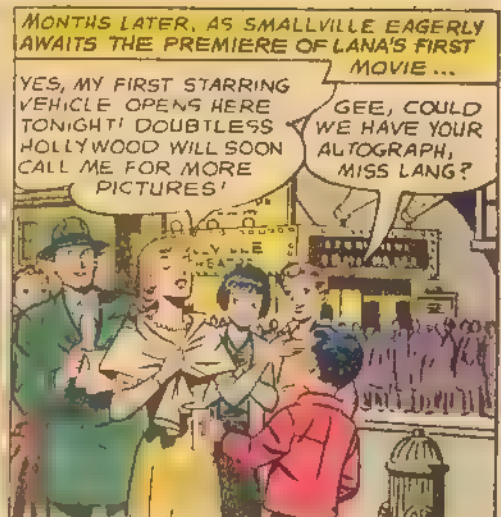
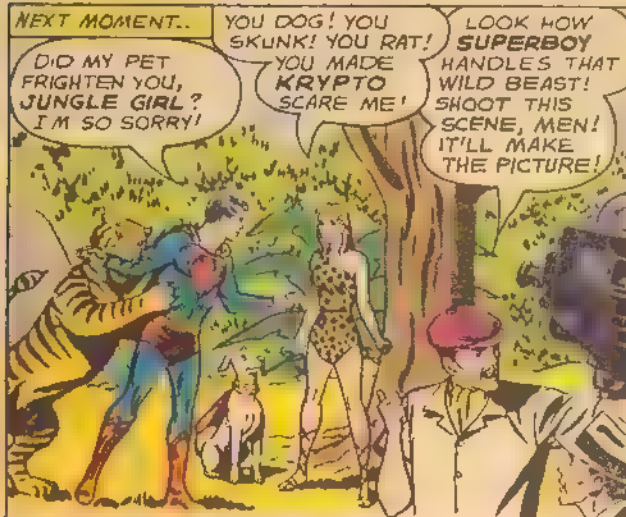
GRRRR!

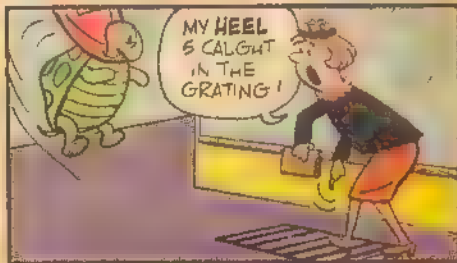
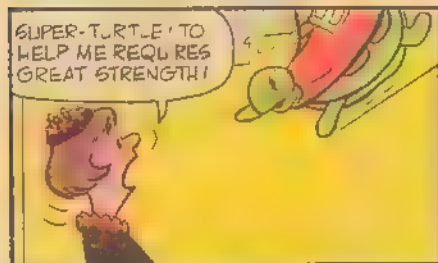
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